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Dramatic Allied Advance Claimed NAZI RESISTANCE GIVEN FEW DAYS

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STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED THAT VERY FIERCE FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE STEINKJER SECTOR, WITH IMPORTANT LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES.

The Allies' main objective is to encircle the Germans around Trondheim; hence the Allied troops advancing from the north are trying to join the Allied detachments which landed south of Trondheim along the Levanger road. The Germans in this district only have the troops which were landed in the early stages of their invasion of Norway.

ALLIES' WATCH ON SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

Apparently the operations in Norway were the main object of the two-day deliberations of the Supreme War Council, which was attended for the first time by a Norwegian representative.

The last Supreme Council meeting was on March 29, before the war in Norway.

Possible German violation of Sweden was another subject discussed, and the Supreme Council examined eventual Allied action to counter-act such intervention.

The situation in southern Europe, in connection with the invasion of German "tourists" in Yugo-Slavia and other countries in the Balkans, was also examined.—Havas.

Mussolini Sitting Pat ?

Rome, To-day.

There are at present no concrete indications that Mussolini will renounce his own particular form of neutrality for participation in the war, according to well-informed military and diplomatic circles in Rome.—Reuter.

NAZIS MACHINE-GUN ITALIAN SHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

German aircraft machine-gunned the Italian ship, *Italo Balbo*, off the south-east coast of England last Saturday. It was revealed in London last night. Several members of the crew were slightly injured.—Havas.

A number of Germans recently landed in the Christiansand district but these can only receive supplies by air. This fact explains the great air activity in the Trondheim region.

A violent snowstorm is hindering German air activity.

The Allies are now engaged in establishing an air base and supply base which will enable them to make the fullest use of their air force.

For the time being the Germans are nearer to their bases than the Allies, despite the destruction of Nazi bases in Norway.

Rapid Advance

In the Gudbrandsdal Valley, on the southern front, the Allies are progressing quicker than expected. They have reached a point south of Hamar where they met German troops sent from Oslo by motor.

The Allied troops — British, French and Norwegian — are advancing rapidly in the Trondheim area, and major engagements are now going on 15 miles south-east of Levanger, between Namsos and Trondheim.

The Allies are also making progress in the advance on Steinkjer.

Another Front

Another Allied detachment is expected to engage German troops in the near future at an undisclosed point between Trondheim and Oslo, where the Germans are entrenched but lack reinforcements.

General impression is that the situation now favours the Allies, and local experts are of opinion that the German resistance will be broken within a few days.

Several German units in the Narvik area have been cut off from the main body and completely isolated.

British and French troops, co-operating with Norwegian forces, advancing on Trondheim, have gained complete control of railway and other communications in the Trondheim area, although they are constantly (Continued on Page 20.)

GERMANY THREATENS YUGOSLAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

It is understood that the German Minister, Viktor von Heeren, called on the Foreign Office yesterday and lodged a strong protest against the arrest of 30 German subjects and the expulsion of a number of German "tourists."

Von Heeren is alleged to have threatened Yugo-Slavia with a diplomatic incident.—Havas.

ANOTHER BIG NAVAL BATTLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Information from Goeteborg says violent gunfire was heard in the Skagerrak and Kattegat, and the general impression is that a naval battle is being fought along the coast.

The mail service between Sweden and the Allied countries has now been restored but the public are warned that delays must be expected.

A German Government commission has arrived in Stockholm "to confer with Sweden regarding questions pertaining to a trade agreement."—Havas.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE EXPANSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

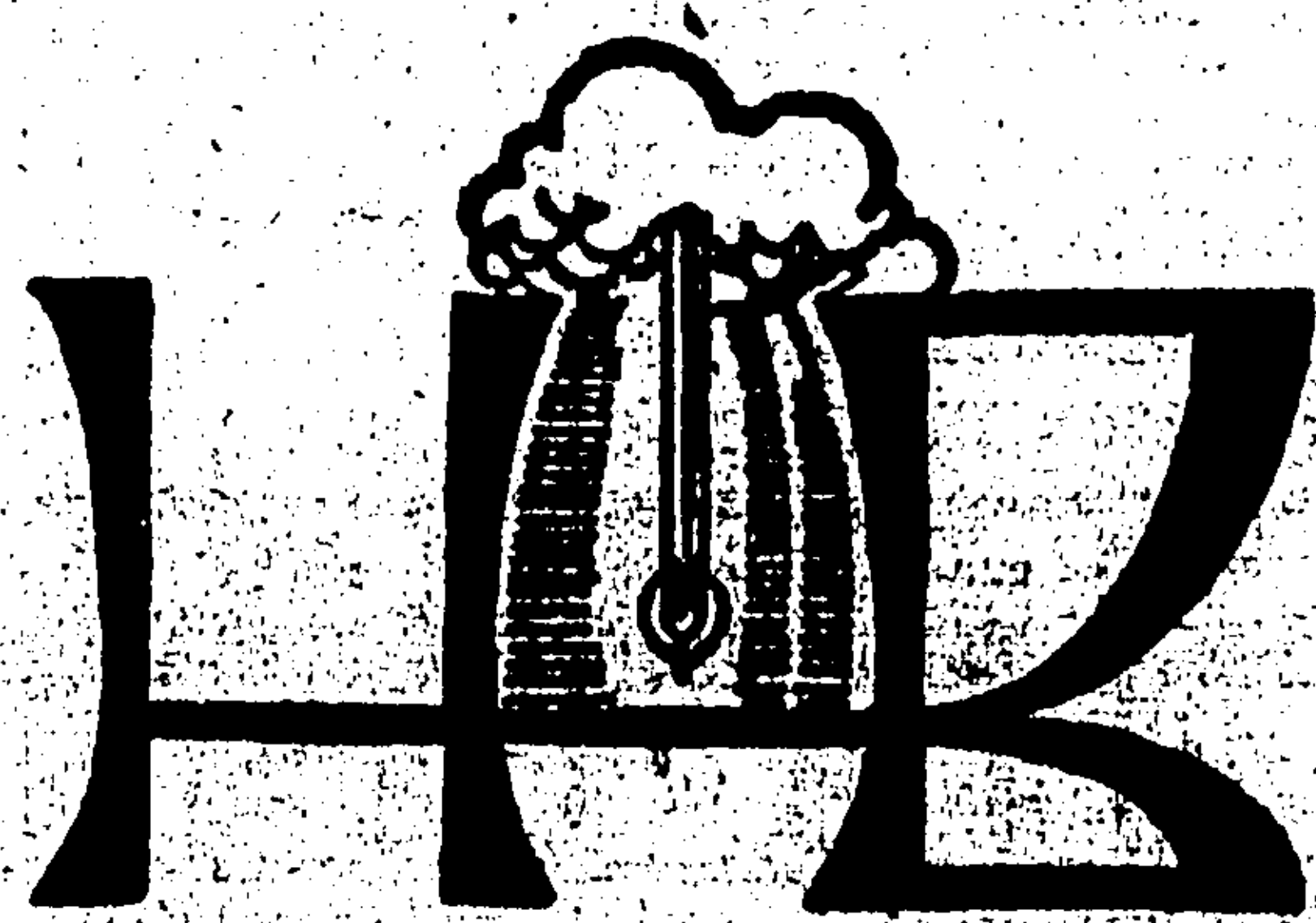
Rome, To-day.

The Italian Government has allotted 7,600,000,000 lire to strengthen the air force.

The sum will be spread over three fiscal years—3,000 millions for 1939/40, 3,500 millions for 1940/41 and 1,100 millions for 1942/43.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, moderate, fair generally with local mist or fog.

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TWO-DAY WAR COUNCIL MEETING IN PARIS

London, To-day.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED that the eighth meeting of the Supreme War Council was held in Paris on Monday and Tuesday, Britain being represented by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Lord Halifax, Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir Samuel Hoare, accompanied by Sir Ronald Campbell, Sir Alexander Cadogan, Sir Cyril Newall, Sir Dudley Pound, and Sir Edmund Ironside.

France was represented by M. Paul Reynaud, M. Daladier, M. Campinchi, M. Laurent Eynac, accompanied by M. Alexis Leger, M. Baudouin, General Gamelin, Admiral Darlan, General Vuillemin, M. Corbin and General Koeltz.

Poland was represented by General Sirkorski and M. Zaleski, and Norway by M. Bachke, the Norwegian Minister in Paris.

There was a general exchange of views on all political and military problems requiring the close attention of the Allied Governments at present in order to ensure due and timely fulfilment of undertakings by the Allies and the common defence of their interests against any hostile action.

New Decisions

After having considered all questions relating to the general conduct of the war, the Council reached new decisions designed to guarantee effective co-operation in all circumstances of the Allies.

General Sirkorski assured the Council of the determination with which the Polish Government, Army and people would continue the struggle with all their resources which are at this moment in process of active re-organisation and development.

The Council expressed great appreciation of the spirit inspiring these efforts and welcomed the effective contribution Poland is making to the common cause.

Norway's Heroism

M. Paul Reynaud, Mr. Neville Chamberlain and General Sirkorski invited M. Bachke to express to his Government their admiration for the heroic resistance to the invader by the people of Norway under the inspiring leadership of King Haakon.

M. Bachke conveyed the thanks of his Government for the speed and effectiveness of the help given Norway by the Allied Governments. — Reuter.

He stated in his opinion when reproved by the police.

The case developed into a "purge" of the Tokyo Imperial College resulting in the mass resignation of 10 members of the Economic Department. The resignations were refused. A formal Order from the Throne dismissed Kawai.

Scholastic circles in Japan look forward with intense interest to the decision of the court. — Havas.

CLEAR HINT TO ITALY

Paris, To-day.

The impression in authoritative circles here is that the wide exchange of views at the latest meetings of the Supreme War Council will play a role of capital importance in the conduct and development of the war.

Reference in the official communiqué to the fulfilment of undertakings of the Allies and to common defence of their interests, is interpreted in Paris as clear evidence that Britain and France are vigilantly watching their interests in the Mediterranean, are ready to face any adverse action, and will on no account be taken by surprise.

Importance is attached in the same circles to the presence of a Norwegian representative at the Council. — Reuter.

PROFESSOR KAWAI ON TRIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

THE PUBLIC TRIAL OF DR. EI-JARO KAWAI, FORMER PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT THE IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY, OPENED YESTERDAY IN THE TOKYO DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURT.

Kawai is charged with disturbing peace and order through his publications.

The action began in January, 1939, when four books which he had written, were banned because in them Kawai under-estimated the value of the State, abused nationalism and praised liberalism.

Moreover, Kawai doggedly per-

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GERMAN AIR BASES NEAR OSLO BOMBED

London, To-day.

IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY learned that Royal Air Force attacks on the Fornebu and Kjeller aerodromes, in the region of Oslo, were made early yesterday morning.

The Fornebu air base was only recently completed as a civil aerodrome on the west side of the city. It was covered with snow when the raid was made.

NAZI ORDER IN OSLO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OSLO, TO-DAY.

GENERAL VON FALKENHORST, COMMANDING GERMAN FORCES IN THE OSLO REGION, YESTERDAY ISSUED A PROCLAMATION CANCELLING ALL TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN OSLO AND NEIGHBOURHOOD, "CONSIDERING THE LOYAL ATTITUDE OF THE POPULATION."

No civilian is authorised to carry arms and the Norwegian military are forbidden to leave their residences without special permission.

The death penalty can be applied in certain cases.—Havas.

SIKORSKI FOR LONDON

London, To-day.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that General Sikorski, the Polish Premier and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army in France, is expected shortly in London on an unofficial visit.

It is understood that General Sikorski will meet high ranking officers of the R.A.F. and discuss means for furthering the cooperation of the British and Polish air forces.—Reuter.

DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tallinn, To-day.

Despite the close political ties linking Estonia with the Soviet, the Estonian police yesterday arrested many Communists engaged in Communist propaganda, including the distribution of pamphlets calling on the population to establish a Communist regime.

Strangely enough, according to press reports, the arrests were made with the consent of the Soviet Government.—Havas.

High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on both aerodromes and a large fire was left blazing opposite the hangars and the buildings at Fornebu.

Other bombers which heavily bombed Aalborg aerodrome for the third successive night met with the severest opposition yet encountered from the ground defences.

The gun batteries had obviously been reinforced since the previous night and they opened an intense fire concentrating over the target area as each aircraft attacked.

One British machine was hit by a small shell which damaged one of its engines, but the machine was able to complete its attack and return safely to its base.

Despite the opposition, all the attacks were pressed determinedly home and a large number of bombs were seen to burst on the aerodrome surface and runways. — Reuter.

COMPLETE FAILURE

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEWSPAPER "SIECLE" SAYS: "THERE IS ONE BLOCKADE WHICH HAS COMPLETELY FAILED, NAMELY THE BLOCKADE OF BRITAIN."

"Despite strenuous efforts with various arms, the tonnage destroyed is so insignificant that the threat has completely disappeared."

"The relative inaction of German submarines during the Norwegian crisis proves their flotillas have suffered heavy losses which haven't been made good."—Reuter.

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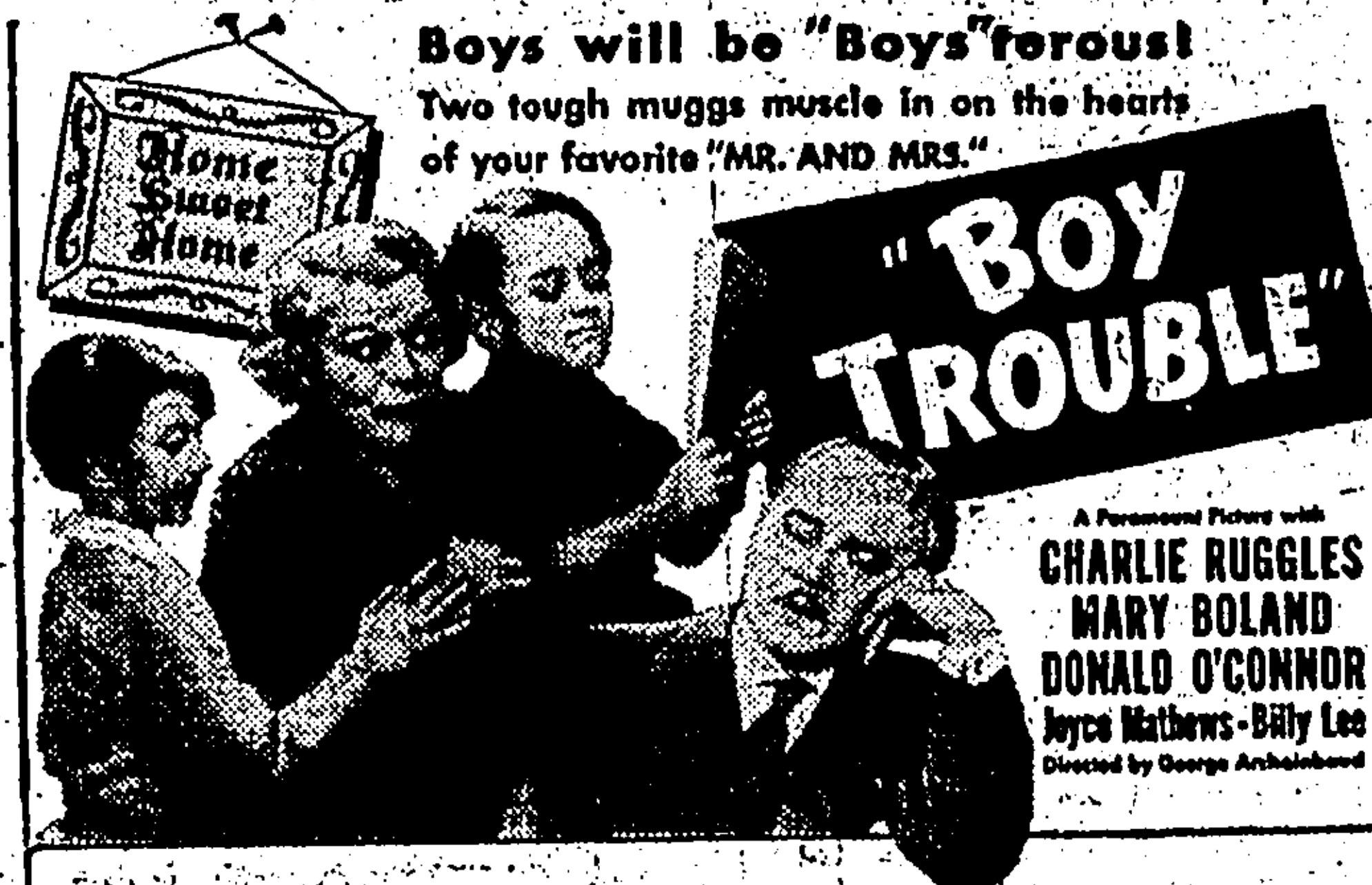
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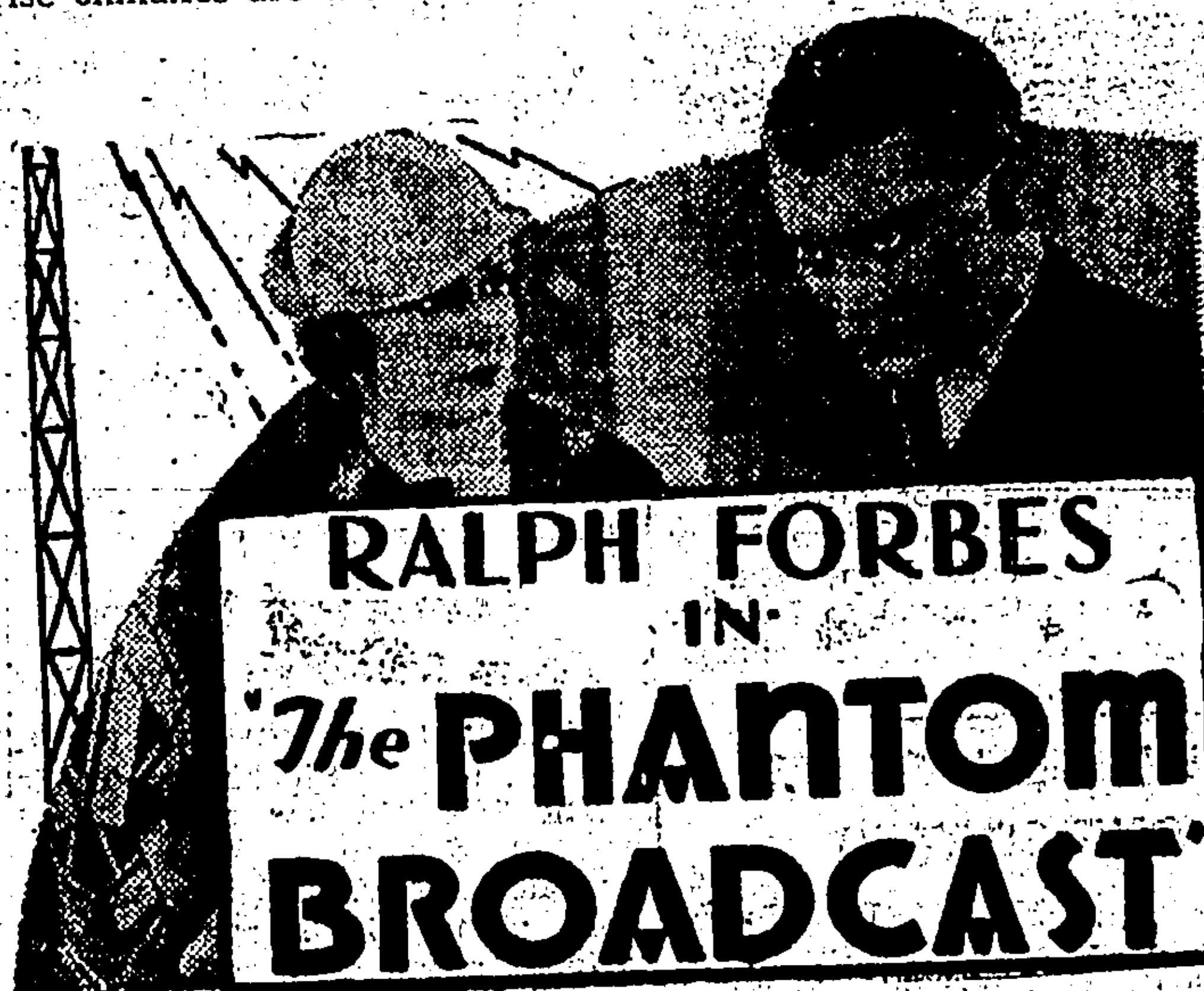
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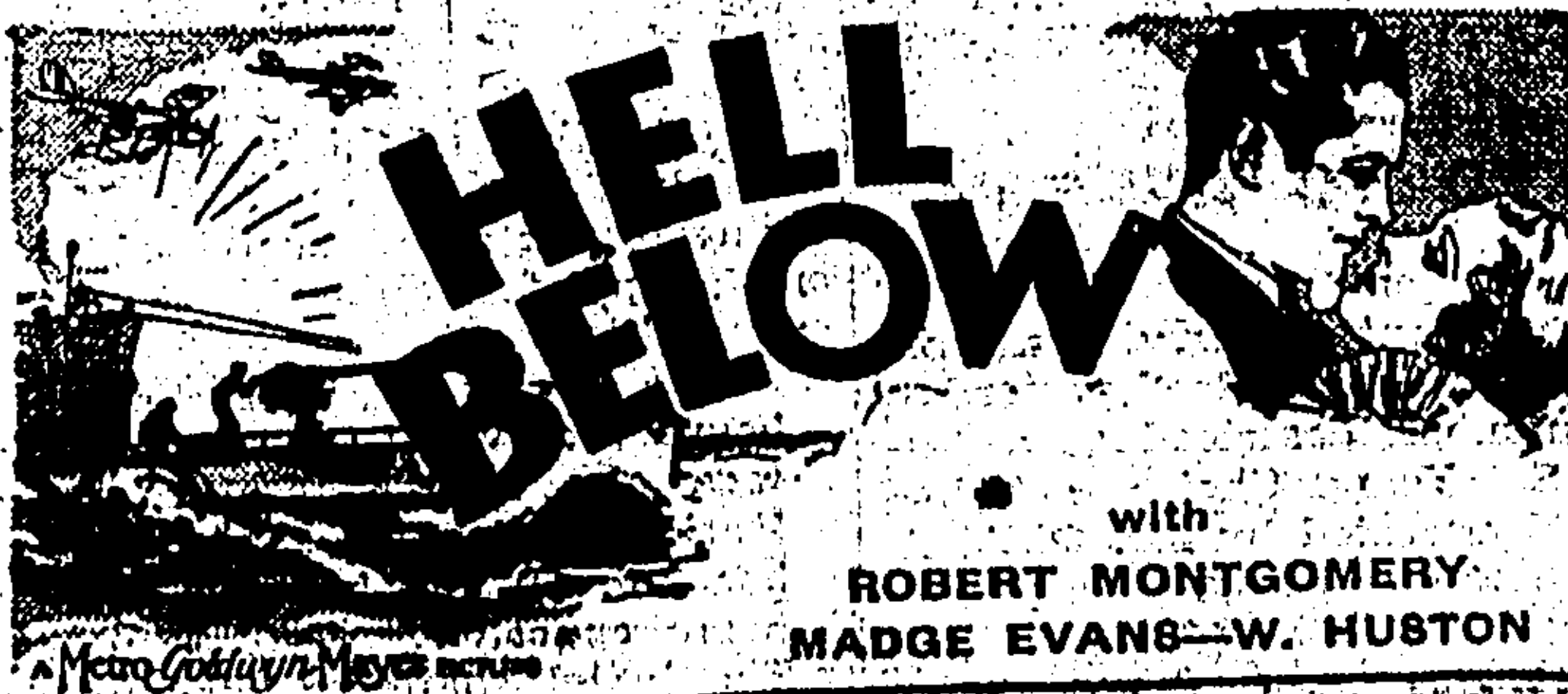
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PENINSULA RESIDENT CAUTIONED

MRS. SUSANA IVANOVA KOOL-HAAS-REVERS, A DUTCH CITIZEN, RESIDING AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL, WAS CAUTIONED BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K. C., THIS MORNING, WHEN SUMMONED FOR FAILING TO REPORT HER DEPARTURE FROM THE COLONY ON JULY 6, LAST YEAR.

Det. Sergt. J. Headridge said defendant went to the Registration Office to report her arrival on April 16. It was then the Police found she had not notified her departure last year.

It was stated that defendant did know that she was leaving the Colony until the morning of July 6, and she had to leave at noon that day.

GAOL PLUS

A lame man, Kwok Pang, 29, was fined \$10 or 14 days' by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for "manufacturing cigarettes without a licence."

Defendant was found making cigarettes from tobacco which he had picked up in the street.

Defendant was given two dollars from the "poor box" to enable him to make a fresh start when he comes out of prison.

H.K. CLUB BILLIARDS ROOM INCIDENT

As a sequel to the fight in the billiard-room of the Hong Kong Club on Monday night, Fung Kwok-keung, cloak room attendant, was before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with an assault on Ng Kwai-fong, 20, billiard boy.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Ng had to be sent to Queen Mary Hospital with abdominal injuries.

The case was adjourned to Friday.

Det. Sergeant Cashman is in charge of the case.

RADIO SET TO BE CONFISCATED

Li Hop-mo, of No. 271, Des Voeux Road Central, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with possession of a radio set without a licence.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon pleaded not guilty for defendant, saying his client had never claimed the radio set as his property.

Mr. J. Key, Radio Inspector, asking the Court to withdraw the charge, applied for confiscation of the set. The application was granted.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to cover Japan and the neighbouring seas and also extends south-westward to South China; pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

Nazi Violations Of Neutrality

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

ALTHOUGH GENERAL mobilisation has not been decreed, classes of troops are continually being called up and the entire army is now with the colours.

Maintaining the strictest neutrality, the Swedish Government has allowed units of the German Medical Corps to pass through Sweden, but flatly refused a German request to permit military contingents to cross through into Norway.

Heavy concentrations of German troops in Danish ports opposite the Swedish coast and constant violations of Swedish territory by German planes, is causing fear of an extension of the conflict.

The Russian attitude is causing relief here as the Kremlin resented the Nazi invasion of Denmark, which opened the Baltic to Germany, while a German aggression against Sweden would be contrary to Soviet interests. —Havas.

Hospital Train Facts

Stockholm, To-day.

It is understood that the reason for the official Swedish statement denying that war material had been transported through Sweden to Norway was made in connection with reports that if this had not actually happened, it was contemplated.

The reports are believed to have started when permission was given for a German hospital train to pass through Sweden; the train was subjected to a rigid search. —Reuter.

Foreigners Banned From Swedish Provinces

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Government has banned all foreigners from entering the provinces of Vaermland and Jaemtland, along the Norwegian border, without a special permit.

The decree makes an exception in favour of Norwegians and Finns. —Havas.

JAPAN SEEKING ACCORD IN RUMANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Well-informed quarters state that Japan has proposed an exchange of Japanese armaments against various Rumanian raw materials, notably oil.

An unconfirmed report states economic negotiations will be instituted soon between the Rumanian Government and the Mitsui Trust in order to establish a regular exchange between the two countries. —Havas.

URUGUAYAN-DANISH RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Montevideo, To-day.

Christian Garbe, the Danish charge d'affaires, has informed the Uruguayan Foreign Minister, Alberto Guani, that the new Danish Minister has not presented his credentials owing to illness.

Senor Guani assured M. Garbe that Uruguay would not change relations with Denmark in spite of the Nazi invasion. —Havas.

ESTONIA RECOGNISES SLOVAKIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tallinn, To-day.

The Estonian Government has decided to recognise the independence of Slovakia. The Estonian Minister in Berlin will also act as Estonian Minister to Bratislava. —Havas.

ATLANTIC AIR MAIL PLAN DROPPED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

London, To-day.

According to the "Daily Telegraph" the British Government has decided to give up the plan to re-establish the Atlantic air mail service.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, will probably make a statement in the Commons on the subject to-day. —Havas.

P.T.S. PRESENTATION

Hon. Mr. T. H. King, the Commissioner of Police, to-day presented a whistle with silver chain to the best all-round men in each contingent recruited into the Hong Kong Police Force last year.

The presentation was made at Police Training School this morning, the recipients being European Contingent, L.S.A.172 Leslie, Indian Contingent, PCB-418 Sanaullah Khan; Chinese Contingent C. S. I. Lam Yan-fu, PCC-13 Hu Kai-tat and PCD-302 Pei Hau-lai.

FAILED TO APPEAR

Falling to answer a charge of avoiding payment of ferry fare from Hong Kong to Jordan Road yesterday, Harry Dunn, 18, described as a student, of Sai Yeung Choi Street, had bail of \$25 estreated by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

INJURED BY PAPER

Ma Chiu, 43, coolie was yesterday taken to the Kowloon Hospital with severe injuries caused when a bale of paper fell on him in Ngai Chun Wai Road.

M. P. SAYS SPIES BUSY IN PORT

Aliens are acting as spies in Hull district according to Colonel Henry Walter Burton, M.P. for Sudbury, Suffolk in Parliament.

He made his allegation during the shipping debate.

Mr. W. Windsor, Labour M. P. for Central Hull, pleaded for more consideration to be given to the shipping interests of the port of Hull.

Colonel Burton suggested that Mr. Windsor should address his remarks to the Home Office and get them to clear out the aliens living in the neighbourhood of Hull who gave away information.

"That is a rather serious statement," said Mr. Windsor.

"Can Colonel Burton supply either of the members for Hull, or, better still, the Government, with the names of any residents in Hull who have been guilty of such a practice?"

Colonel Burton replied: "We have already made representations to the Home Office about the East Coast."

"I am not blaming the people of Hull, I am blaming the Government for not looking after them."

"If we could get these spies cleared out of the East Coast generally we should not have so much trouble."

"I have given information to the Home Office with regard to people who are up there."

OVERCROWDED H.K. FACTORIES

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning, the manager of the To Keung Electric Bulb Company, of Sai Yeung Choi Street, was fined \$250 for keeping an unregistered factory and for permitting the premises to be so overcrowded as to be dangerous and injurious to the employees.

Mr. D. W. Phillips said the premises which could approximately accommodate 40, was occupied by 97 workers at the time of his visit.

A fine of \$100 was imposed on the manager of Tin Sing Electric Bulb Company, of Argyle Street, for overcrowding.

Eighty people were found on the premises in space for 22.

For allowing 30 women to work during prohibited hours in the evening of April 5, the manager of World Light Factory, of Bedford Road, was fined \$75.

PUPIL FIRED AT TEACHER

A schoolboy of thirteen, Vito Gambino, was accused in New York of trying to put a woman school-teacher on the spot for falling for his sister in an examination.

Vito is said to have climbed a house roof with a revolver and took aim at the teacher. Miss Marie Schretzler, as she combed her hair in the bedroom of her home opposite.

The bullet shattered the window, whizzed past the teacher's ear and lodged in a bedroom wall.

Arrested after long hunt, Vito explained: "She failed my sister Marie in an examination and prevented her being moved up into a higher form."

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TREMENDOUS BUDGET BURDENS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING THE COLOSSAL SUM OF £2,667,000,000 AS EXPENDITURE IN THE PRESENT YEAR, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR JOHN SIMON, PRESENTING HIS SECOND WARTIME BUDGET IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, ANNOUNCED THE IMPOSITION OF NEW TAXATION WHICH CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS STAGGERING.

The new taxes, which, the Chancellor estimated, would produce a total contribution from revenue of £1,234,000,000, affect all classes in the country.

Main points are:—

Raising of the standard rate of Income Tax from 7/- to 7/6 in the pound (an increase of 2/- within a year). (With the surtax added this means a maximum rate of 17/- in the pound).

An extra penny on every pint of beer;

An increase in the spirit duty of 15/- per proof gallon; this means whisky will cost an extra 1/9d. a bottle;

An extra 4/- a lb. on tobacco, with corresponding increases in the duties on cigars etc.;

An extra 1/2d. on each box of matches;

Increased postal charges both at home and to the Empire and foreign countries; air mail charges to remain unchanged;

Increases in inland telegram and telephone rates; and

A new purchase tax.

One of the most striking announcements in a Budget, which might well have been conceived by a Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer, was, however, Government's decision to place a strict limitation upon all company dividends and to prohibit the issue of bonus shares during the war.

SIR JOHN SIMON DEALT WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW MUCH WOULD BE PROVIDED BY CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING TAXES AT THE EXISTING LEVEL.

The yield of death duties was estimated at £85,000,000, and stamp duties at £19,000,000. National defence contributions and the excess profits tax which were alternatives were estimated to yield £70,000,000.

If there was no excess profits tax they could look for a yield of £28,000,000 from the national defence contribution.

INLAND REVENUE

Inland revenue duties on the existing basis were estimated to yield £658,000,000—an excess of £75,000,000 over what it was last year.

As regards customs and excise, which produced £400,000,000 in 1939/40, it was estimated on last year's basis to produce this year £420,000,000.

For motor vehicles duties he estimated revenue at £235,000,000.

Sir John then dealt with post office revenue and disclosed it had been decided to take post office revenue into

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AIR BATTLE NEAR BRUSSELS

Brussels, To-day.

French and German aircraft were in action at a great height over Belgian territory yesterday according to a communiqué issued by the Belgian Defence Ministry.

Lunchtime crowds in Brussels had a shock when the city's anti-aircraft guns opened fire and German fighters were heard taking off.

The communiqué says the "necessary protests" will be made.—Reuter.

VIOLENT GUNFIRE OFF SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

Violent gunfire was heard off the Swedish coast yesterday, according to a newspaper report.

Ten warships were observed off Ursholm, travelling at high speed and firing as they went.

A large number of aircraft were seen at the same time and fighter planes appeared and engaged against bombers.

It is believed a fleet of German transports was being attacked.—Reuter.

GERMANS MASSING IN MENACE TO SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Troop concentrations have been spotted in German Baltic ports opposite the Swedish coast.

Sweden is going on quietly reinforcing her defences, and it is unlikely she will capitulate if anything happens.—Havas.

OFF THE RECORD

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HERALD OF ATTACK ON MAGINOT LINE?

London, To-day.

The Saar District, the Rhineland and the western part of the province of Baden were declared banned districts in an announcement on the German wireless last night.

Nobody will be allowed to enter these districts without special military permission, which will be granted only in the most urgent cases.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S BUDGET

Sir John Simon Rejects Compulsory Savings

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the Exchequer.

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The machinery operating the excess profits tax was being made more efficient but it must not be imagined the changes involved constituted merely a list of concessions to taxpayers.

They did not. There would be consideration for concerns belonging to depressed industries.

In view of war conditions they must postpone general revaluation of properties for assessment for income tax, which otherwise should have been made this year.

Sir John also proposed an amendment to the legislation to deal with certain forms of estate duty avoidance.

In regard to customs and excise, he proposed to introduce legislation on two points.

KEY INDUSTRIES DUTIES

Firstly, to assist the export trade by improving conditions on which a drawback was payable on exported goods which had been subject on importation to key industries duties.

The second proposal would relate to the margin of preference on Empire sugar, the stability of which was related to the operation of the International Sugar Agreement of 1937.

Object of the legislation would be to make it clear that the present preference would continue to the end of August, 1942, the period originally contemplated under the agreement.

NEW TAXATION

It was, however, necessary to impose additional taxes to increase the total of £1,133,000,000 of revenue which would be produced if they confined themselves to the provisions enforced last year.

Sir John said he must therefore look both to direct and indirect taxation.

"In the field of direct taxation I must bring into actual operation the proposals for increasing standard rates and reducing allowances which I indicated in advance last September.

"I then said we should not limit our view to six months alone. Accordingly I propose in the Finance Bill to raise the standard rate of income tax from 7/- to 7/6d.

SEVERE INCREASES

"These are very severe increases which will put a heavier burden on direct taxation in this country than the direct taxpayer has ever been called to pay before.

"The standard rate of tax will have been increased within a single year from 5/6d to 7/6d. With the surtax added the maximum rate will reach 17/- in the pound.

"Nothing on this scale has ever been approached before, whether in war or peace. The highest previous rate of income tax was 8/- in 1918, and with super tax added, the maximum during the last war was 10/6d in the pound."

EFFECTS OF TAX

Sir John gave illustrations of the effects of the proposed taxation, saying that a married man without children, if he earned £300 a year, would pay £15 income tax instead of £7 last year, and £5 the year before.

If he earned £400 a year he would pay £30/12/6 instead of £17/10/0 last year and £12/12/6 the year before.

A £600-a-year man would pay £92/16/3 instead of £73/10/0 last year and £36/12/6 the previous year.

These changes, together with minor ones, would produce in this year from direct taxation £42,500,000 and in a full year £61,750,000.

Another change was in respect of surtax which for 1940/41 he proposed should be charged on income in excess of £1,500 a year instead of £2,000.

There was an enabling provision. It did not increase tax payable this year by those with incomes between £1,500 and £2,000 but it made it possible to do so in twelve months time.

BEER, TOBACCO AND MATCHES

In the realm of indirect taxation he proposed to add to existing duties on beer, spirits, tobacco and matches.

The increase on beer would be roughly equivalent to a penny per pint, which would take effect from to-day (Wednesday). This increase in the beer duty, he estimated, would produce £18,000,000 in a full year and £15,000,000 in the current financial year.

A box of 50 matches now costing a penny would cost 1½d.

These proposals, which would take effect from April 29, would produce this year rather more than £3,500,000 and in a full year £4,000,000.

There would be countervailing increases in the duties on mechanical lighters.

POSTAGE JUMP

Regarding the post office charge the general scheme was to increase certain initial postal charges but to leave all charges for excess weight untouched.

The initial rates for Inland Post would be increased as follows:

For letters to two ounces, from 1½d to 2½d.

Postcards from 1d from 2d.

Printed papers by ½d per packet.

Newspapers by ½d.

There would be similar increases for letters in the Imperial Post except that present rates would be retained for correspondence with the forces overseas.

The rates for foreign post will be increased as follows:

For letters, from 2½d to 3d; postcards from 1½d to 2d.

The spirit duty would be increased by 15/- per proof gallon, making it 97/6d. The ruling price of a bottle of whisky was 14/3 and the increase would be equivalent to an addition of 1/9.

Sir John thanked the French Government for agreeing to waive their treaty rights and permit the increase to apply to French and other imported spirits.

The increased duty on spirits, which would take effect from to-day (Wednesday), would yield £7,000,000 in a full year and £6,500,000 this year.

THREEPENCE AN OUNCE

The tobacco duty would be increased from to-day (Wednesday) by 4/- per lb., or 3d an ounce, with corresponding increases in other duties such as on cigars.

This increase, following the two increases last year, was severe, but in existing financial circumstances there was no escape from this addition.

Increased yield from the extra tobacco duty he estimated at £23,000,000 in a full year and £21,000,000 this year.

In regard to matches it was proposed to double the excise duties and make corresponding additions to customs duties.

Neither in the Imperial nor the foreign post were any increases proposed for other classes of mail in view of the importance of those services to the export trade.

There would be no increased charges in air mail.

He also proposed to make some changes in the poundage charge on postal orders.

All these postal changes would produce this year £10,400,000 and in a full year £11,400,000.

TELEPHONE CHARGES

In the inland telephone service there would be a general increase of 15 per cent. on all charges to subscribers with exchange facilities and to users of the coin box telephone.

This would take effect from May 1 in the case of trunk calls and all calls from public call offices, and from July 1 in the case of rentals and miscellaneous charges.

For private telephone services there would be an increase of 25 per cent. to take effect from July 1.

Inland telephone charges increases were estimated to produce this year

just over £2,000,000 and in a full year £2,185,000.

TELEGRAMS TOO

In the inland telegraph service there would be a fixed additional charge of 3d on each ordinary priority or greetings telegram; on each night telegraph letter and on each page of a press telegram.

There would also be an increase of 25 per cent. for private telegraph services, to operate from July 1.

These increases in the inland telegraph services were estimated to yield £160,000 this year and £240,000 in a full year.

No increases were proposed in charges for overseas telegraph and telephone services, which were necessarily limited in wartime.

All increases in post office charges, taken together, were estimated to yield £12,500,000 this year and £14,500,000 in a full year.

Sir John then referred to a "novel proposal" to provide additional revenue.

Purchases Tax

"Sales taxes of different kinds are in operation in a large number of countries and in most of the Dominions, I think, but methods and machinery differ considerably.

"The one I am about to propose is a purchase tax in the form of a percentage on price which will be paid at the stage when the wholesaler is selling to the retailer.

"One great advantage of applying the tax at this point is that it makes it easy to secure that there shall be no purchase tax imposed in respect of goods for export."

Sir John continued: "There is a strenuous drive under the President of the Board of Trade to increase our exports. At the same time it is necessary to discourage unnecessary spending at home.

"The purchase tax will not touch raw material in industry.

"Another exception is that there will be no purchase tax on food, including drink or foodstuffs, whether for human or animal consumption.

"There will also be no purchase tax on articles already subject to heavy duty, as tobacco or petrol, or in respect of services such as fuel, gas, electricity or water.

"Subsequent legislation will provide for the date of imposition of the tax, and the rate at which it will be applied will be determined by the resolution of the Commons."

1,234 Millions From Revenue

The yield of extra taxation in the current year would total £101,000,000. To that must be added £1,133,000,000 as revenue from taxation on last year's basis.

Thus the estimated total contribution from revenue was £1,234,000,000. If the preliminary arrangements were carried through he hoped to get something from the purchase tax before the end of the year.

The central question of the Budget, more important than taxes, was how the remaining amount of £1,433,000,000 would be provided.

He was opposed to the suggestion put forward for a compulsory deduction from incomes, and he advised the House to rely on the result that could be obtained by stimulating to the utmost the response to their existing methods of borrowing.

VOLUNTARY METHODS

That amount would and must be found, and they must foster and improve conditions under which the flow of voluntary contributions to the Government might be stimulated and inflation avoided.

Whatever measures would help to restrict the misuse of spending power, and especially misuse of increasing spending power, were of vital importance.

It had been their policy to secure the price of essential foodstuffs in a

AUSTRALIAN CENSORSHIP

Canberra, To-day.

Drastic regulations have been issued enabling the Australian Government to supervise newspapers and literature.

Permits must henceforth be obtained before publications will be allowed to circulate.

The regulations embody a "drag-net" clause under which a censorship of the severest character may be imposed.—Reuter.

tioned quantities, even though this involved considerable cost to the Exchequer.

They were now spending £60,000,000 a year to cheapen the prices of certain essential foodstuffs. The control had taken over a variety of industries and there was control of foreign exchange.

Dividends To Be Limited

Dealing with the excess profits tax, Sir John said profits would lose a great deal of their value if they were distributed freely as dividends.

"They will be very useful if they are available to assist industries and to repair industry in the difficult period which will follow at the end of the war, but they will be of far less value if used for increased distribution into the hands of shareholders who might be tempted to devote a good deal of them for the purpose of consumption.

"I propose accordingly to provide for a limitation of dividends by public companies." Legislation would propose that a public company should not distribute a greater dividend on ordinary shares than was distributed on any of its three pre-war years.

A minimum rate on dividends would be allowed in the case of companies which in the recent past had not been able to pay dividends.

In order to make the plan watertight he proposed to prohibit the issue of bonus shares during the war (Cheers), save in cases where entirely exceptional grounds existed such as two companies amalgamating.

Concluding, Sir John emphasised that the total of £1,234,000,000 which he was seeking to get from revenue this year was the largest figure ever drawn from taxation in twelve months in the history of British finance, and yet it was inevitable.

Taxes In Step

When total expenditure mounted at the pace set by modern warfare, taxes should keep in step with it.

We were bound this year, according to his calculation, to contemplate the expenditure of at least £850,000,000 more than the preceding year.

He was drawing £185,000,000 more from taxation.

What was the conclusion? Saving and the lending of savings to the State must be proportionately increased.

"It is an essential part of our war purpose that this should be achieved. Provided that the persistence of our people in supporting the present loans, and the resolution of our people in paying the Government taxes is maintained, we have nothing to fear.

"Our financial front will be held as firmly as any other front in the fight for victory." (Cheers).—Reuter.

ITALIAN MISSION ARRIVING IN BERLIN

London, To-day.

According to the German Radio, an Italian economic mission is arriving in Berlin to-day.—Reuter.

WELL RECEIVED ON WHOLE

London, To-day.

The Budget on the whole was well received by members of all parties, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

The Labour Opposition was not disposed to be very critical of the proposals as a number of them follow lines they have been advocating persistently.

As regards other parties, chief criticisms are likely to come on the new purchase tax, but as regards the method rather than the principle.

Criticism is also expected on the proposal to restrict dividends which it is feared may penalise companies which have been using profits to promote business instead of paying large dividends.

The increased postal charges will also be criticised but on the whole members realise very fully the need

NAZIS MASS OPPOSITE SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

The Kaunas correspondent of "Afton Bladet" says that comprehensive military preparations are in full swing along Germany's Baltic coast.

Masses of troops and munitions are arriving at ports in the Memel region and in East Prussia from other parts of Germany.

Civilians are barred from these ports, which are strongly guarded.

The correspondent adds that the Baltic States remain calm, being convinced that no action is intended against them.—Reuter.

British Troops In Action In Norway In At Least Four Areas

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS HERE, BRITISH TROOPS ARE IN ACTION IN AT LEAST FOUR SECTORS IN NORWAY.

At some points north of Trondheim the British and Germans are reported within 200 yards of each other.

The reports add that the Germans momentarily hold command there as the Allies apparently lack anti-aircraft guns and fighter planes.

It is claimed that despite constant air raids no damage has been done to British defence positions, although headquarters has had to be moved twice.

It is declared that the rapidity with which German aircraft discovered the location of British headquarters gives reason to suspect a well-developed spying system.

The correspondent of the "Afton-bladet" says that German planes on Tuesday attacked the Namsos, Grong and Steinkjaer area from early dawn until late evening.

Planes of every description bombed and machinegunned every village throughout the region. No collection of houses, however small, was spared.

Immediately one plane had dropped its bombs and exhausted its machine-gun belts, another relieved it.

Everything moving on roads and fields was attacked.

The population was terror-stricken but had no place to take refuge, for the hills are impassable owing to the wetness of the snow.

Nevertheless, according to the correspondent, casualties were few. One French soldier and one child were killed and 10 persons wounded.—Reuter.

The "Afton Bladet" says that in the course of Tuesday's fighting, the Germans lost four aircraft in the Trondheim region, three of which fell to anti-aircraft fire from a British warship, while the fourth made a forced landing in the hills. The machine was burned by its crew, the members of which were taken prisoner by the Norwegians.

Fighting is also reported at Melhus, only twelve miles to the south of Trondheim.—Reuter.

OPPOSITION STAND ON THE BUDGET

London, To-day.

AFTER THE CHANCELLOR had presented the Budget, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Labour leader, approved the taxes on beer, spirits, tobacco and matches, but thought the postal tax would not bring in a great deal of money and would irritate a vast number of people.

He was glad Sir John Simon favoured voluntary against compulsory saving and declared that nothing stood in the way of national saving so much as the Means Test.

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal leader) paid a tribute to Sir John Simon's clear exposition of the Budget problems and said he could not complain the proposals were too drastic.

He declared that Germany this year was spending £2,300,000,000 on war and the French people were making a vastly greater effort than Sir

John Simon had asked of us to-day.

Sir Archibald Sinclair concluded that the figures the Chancellor had given the House were clear and eloquent proof of the power and greatness of our resources and the House's determined and humorous reception of the proposals testified to the high spirit and firm purpose of a united Britain resolved on victory.—Reuter.

"NARVIK IN RUINS" REPORT DENIED

Stockholm, To-day.

Swedish seamen who have just arrived from Narvik denied reports that the town is a mass of ruins, in an interview published in the "Afton-bladet."

They declare: "Only two or three houses in Narvik have been damaged. 'British warships' which bombarded the town went methodically to work, displaying every consideration for the civilian population."

The seamen added that as far as they knew not one civilian was killed during the whole bombardment.

The British, they declare, have not actually been in the town. The nearest they have been was when a warship's boat approached the quay but was forced to turn back under German machinegun fire.—Reuter.



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THE LIQUIDATION OF HITLER

The new contact between Germany and the Soviet may result in increasing Russian influence and the rise of the disgruntled elements in Germany, and the transformation of the Nazi regime into a Socialist regime on the Russian model and with Russian assistance. Much of the preliminary work of destruction has been performed by the Nazis, who have left very little of liberal capitalist elements in Germany. In this process Hitler would receive the liquidation which he so thoroughly deserves. It is by no means fantastic to prophesy that the war may develop into a war between British Imperialism and the Soviet with a ruined Germany virtually eliminated from the scene. The future and the initiative may lie with India and China, and it behoves us in this land to put our house in order, in order that we may play a distinguished part in the difficult but infinitely potential and significant events which lie ahead.—"Indian Journal of Political Science."

ITALY AND WAR

The possibility that Signor Mussolini may in the near future abandon neutrality and come into the war on the German side cannot be ignored. Italian naval dispositions in the Mediterranean, and the reported intention of Il Duce to call up one-and-a-quarter million reservists are to be taken as indication of coming Italian participation in this war. The declarations of Signor Ansaldi, director of the "Telegrafo," owned by Count Ciano, indicate the early possibility of Italy entering the struggle, an occasion "which a month ago might have been very remote, may now be nearer than you think."

However much such a step would be regretted by the Allies as definitely putting an end to all endeavours to reach a better understanding with Italy, it is a contingency which the Allies have always reckoned on. They did so when they declared war against Germany on the invasion of Poland, for it was not until some days later that it was learned that Herr Hitler had released Italy from the obligation to go to war immediately in alliance with Germany. It is an eventuality against which the Allies have already made such dispositions of their forces as they consider best designed to meet the menace which such a development which would mean. Thus while Italian participation in the war would entail the further spread of hostilities, and the enlargement of the theatre of war, it would have about it no element of surprise whatever, and would only represent an emergency which the Allies have all along expected, and which they have been at all times prepared to meet. With a decisive victory in the north, which does not seem at all improbable, it should not be difficult for the Allies to maintain control in the Mediterranean, for the general effect of all that has been happening in the North Sea, the very patent crippling of the German navy, and the close confinement of the remainder to German home waters, has been that a redistribution of the Allied naval forces should not prove impossible. Thus it should be quite possible for the Allies to maintain their hold in the Mediterranean should unhappily Signor Mussolini decide to act in accordance with his commitments to Herr Hitler, while the presence of imposing Allied military forces in the Near East, together with the Allied understanding with Turkey are factors which tend to remove any uneasiness which might otherwise be felt concerning the possibilities of the situation.

There is every reason for facing the future with complete confidence. Not that the possible enemies should be regarded lightly, for the Italians can be formidable both on land and sea. It is rather in the knowledge of Allies' strength, and determination that the cause for hope is to be found.

GUAM AND THE PROGRAMME

The Roosevelt-Hull pronouncement on the American attitude toward a Japanese threat against Dutch East Indies gives special point to the navy department's renewal of requests for air and submarine bases at Guam.

The White House so far has refrained from strong outright support of the Guam project, although the navy department hardly could have taken the position it has without administration sanction. Now the whole shaping of events creates an increasing demand for outright White House pressure to make a real issue of the request for appropriations to start the development needed for making Guam into a real force for the stability of the Far East.

The administration either should go the whole way in support of the Guam project or desist from building hopes for the programme in which Guam would have to be an essential part.—"Manila Bulletin."

NEW ZEALAND VIEW

It is not enough that this country should send men abroad to take their place at the side of their allies in the field. Every last man who is strong and fit, every pound that can be saved from unessential work should be utilised in the greater and vital undertaking. If democracy loses the war, the democratic peoples will have lost all that they have.—"Otago Daily Times."

WAR AIMS OF BRITISH LABOUR

It is unlikely a general election will be held in Britain during the war, but it is almost certain that one would be held before the meeting of a Peace Conference. A general election followed the Armistice of 1918 and preceded the Peace Conference at Versailles. Replacement of the present British Government by a Labour Government may be unlikely, but it is at least a possibility. Thus it is a matter of more than academic interest to ask what would happen to the peace if the

DANGEROUS BLOT

Versailles has ceased to be a blot on Europe. Hitler is a blot far more dangerous than Versailles. Something quite new has appeared in the same spirit of the bully and the extermination of the small man, and that is the spirit which has given rise to the war now raging. The speech by General Hertzog is like a chapter of "Mein Kampf." There was no criticism of the enemy, criticism was reserved for his own country and her allies.—General Smuts.

making of it were entrusted to leaders of the Labour Party.

To the Allies and friends of Great Britain it is reassuring to know that the broad policy of the Labour Party on the question of resettlement is in essentials the same as that of the present Government. In its manifesto on "The War and the Peace," there is not a word which contradicts the peace declarations of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, and Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary.

It even goes further than Mr. Chamberlain when it says that an association of States should be formed around the nucleus provided by wartime co-operation of Britain and France, that it should have a collective authority transcending the sovereign rights of separate States, and must control military and economic power to enforce peaceful behaviour as between its members and secure armament reduction.

It is clear that in all major questions relating to the war and its aims there are not two Britains with whom friends and enemies have to deal, but one only. A change of Government would produce no change of British front.—"Christian Science Monitor."

TRONDHEIM BATTLE

Canadians And French Alpinists Engaged

Allied Forces Closing In On City

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE ALLIED TROOPS IN THE TRONDHEIM SECTOR CONSIST OF CANADIANS AND FRENCH ALPINE TROOPS, ALL EXPERTS ON SKIS AND ACCUSTOMED TO THE CONDITIONS OF FIGHTING IN A COLD CLIMATE.

The battle for Trondheim began on Sunday night, and on Monday, it is reported, there was fighting 10 miles south of Trondheim and at Lavanger.

German attempts to relieve the plight of the beleaguered garrisons at Trondheim and Narvik have resulted in heavy air bombardments.

So far, most of the success has been against unarmed villages; not a single Allied warship or transport has been sunk.

The Allies are being reinforced — by the weather! Snow in the north and thaws in the south have increased the miserable conditions at Stjovanger, and Aalborg, conditions which the R.A.F. is certainly not trying to improve!

Reinforcements are said to have been landed on the southern front; there are no more details.

The present "front" in Norway can be best divided into three main sectors — Narvik, Trondheim and Lillehammer.

Mass Assault

At Narvik, the Norwegian authorities believe that the Germans will be crushed within a day or so. The Allies are said to be planning a mass assault on the town and, possibly in anticipation of this, the Norwegian authorities have appealed to all Norwegians there to evacuate immediately.

Around Trondheim, the Germans are trying to relieve the pressure by counter-thrusts. They attempted to send troops by boat up the north-east Fjord beyond Trondheim in a flanking movement; this move was foreseen and checked.

South-east of Trondheim, the Germans have rushed new defence positions, but the Norwegian authorities there are quite confident of the ultimate outcome.

Lillehammer Confusion

Exact information is lacking from the southern front, but it seems almost confirmed that the Allies have pushed their way up the Gudbrandsdal Valley, on the route from Trondheim to Hamar.

Both the official Norwegian radio and the puppet broadcast from Oslo claim the occupation of Lillehammer by the Allies and the Nazis respectively; the battle for this town is probably still undecided.

On the whole, the Germans seem to be resting on their defences, the offensive side of their campaign consisting of bombing attacks on lines of communications and Allied convoys.

This was successful in Poland, but is not likely to be so in Norway, owing to the lack of reinforcements, the great distances to be covered, the isolation of the various objectives and the fact that oil is a product the Germans cannot afford to waste.—Havas.

French Soldier Killed

London, To-day.
Only one French soldier is reported killed in the heavy German air bombardment which has ruined Namsos. The main body of Allied troops was

by this time well inland.

British troop trains are reported to have reached points 30 to 40 miles south of Trondheim. It must be emphasised that nearly all of these frontier reports still await official confirmation. — Reuter.

War Office Statement

London, To-day.

The War Office yesterday evening announced:—

"Sharp engagements have taken place north of Trondheim, where our troops have been counter-attacked.

"In the south, our troops, in conjunction with the Norwegians, are resisting enemy pressure."

The announcement concludes by reiterating that "the operations are proceeding in co-operation with the Norwegian forces."—Reuter.

Allied Progress

London, To-day.

Allied forces closing in on Trondheim are widely reported to be making good progress, although there is nothing official yet to indicate whether or not the War Office had Trondheim or other areas in mind when it issued a communique on Monday night stating that the Allied troops are meeting with "considerable successes in the face of great difficulties."

For some time to come, official news of the expeditionary force is likely to be in equally general terms, but there is a mass of unofficial reports about Trondheim, stating that north of the city the Allies are reported to be far down the railway from Namsos.

One report even says that they are now facing entrenched German troops at Levanger, only 35 miles from Trondheim.

The Allied progress has been indicated by the number of railway stations bombed by the Germans.—Reuter.

ONE MAN'S MEAT

Budapest, To-day.

The "Magyar Nemzet" discussing anti-British propaganda that Britain is degenerate and will go the way of the Roman and Byzantium Empires, seeks to prove objectively that Britain has always fought for her own aims and ideals with her own methods and means.

"A people may be good fighters without being professional militarists; a long-distance runner may be an equally good athlete as a sprinter."—Reuter.

FAMOUS GERMAN FLIER KILLED

Berlin, To-day.

The well-known long distance flier, Captain Alfred Henke, who made non-stop flights from Berlin to New York and New York to Berlin in 1938 and a record flight to Tokyo later, has been killed on a training flight. — Reuter.

FIERCE BATTLE RAGING

Stockholm, To-day.

A fierce battle is raging in Central Norway, according to reports reaching Stockholm, for possession of the gateway to Oslo, where the Gudbrandsdal Valley enters the southern plain, near Lillehammer.

The British and Norwegian troops are attacking in the direction of Hamar and have reached Moelv, despite strong German resistance.

The messages declare that the Norwegians are being equipped with modern arms from Allied depots.

Further east, the German forces which had been thrusting northwards from Elverum towards Rena are now reported to be retreating.

The "Aften Bladet" says that although reports of the recapture of Hamar and Elverum are now known to have been premature, the British and Norwegian troops are making a strong attack towards Hamar.—Reuter.

enemy landed are a considerable distance from Narvik."

The Narvik situation, it says, is essentially unchanged. Fresh supplies have been brought to the German troops there.

"The British have developed a certain activity in the neighbourhood of Narvik. British cruisers and destroyers fired aimlessly into Narvik. The Germans had no contact with the enemy as the troops the

The agency claims that enormous damage was done in Andalsnes and "considerable losses inflicted on the British landing troops" during attacks which lasted from early morning throughout the day.—Reuter.



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LIPPMAN ON THE HITLER HOLD-UP IN SCANDINAVIA

New York, To-day.

WALTER LIPPMANN, WRITING in the "Herald-Tribune," points out that the hold-up for Hitler in Scandinavia has caused "a change in the diplomatic weather" to Hitler's disadvantage in the European capitals. "It is now clear that Hitler's stroke in Scandinavia is a partial but by no means a complete success. He isn't to have Norway without fighting for it."

"He has suffered irreparable losses in his navy, a circumstance which is bound to impress the Italian and Japanese navies."

"The British Fleet which, on the Nazi theory of a knock-out blow, was to be sunk in Scapa Flow, has, because Norway is too near, actually gone over to Norway, still nearer to the German air force, and is landing an army in Norway."

The "Atlanta Constitution" says: "It is the consensus of opinion that the rapid acceleration of American production of fighting planes has forced Hitler to abandon his plans for a long war of attrition which he believed he could eventually win, and to risk all on such a daring exploit as the invasion of Norway."

"And there can be no doubt that by thus opening up a new arena of conflict, Hitler gave to the British and French navies and armies the best opportunity they have yet had to strike against Germany." — Reuter.

VIOLENT SHELLFIRE IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

There has been violent artillery fire on the Western Front.

In the River Nied sector, German artillery shelled communications behind the Allied lines and brought the French guns into action for several hours.

East of the Moselle, the Germans attempted to raid a French outpost under the cover of the barrage, but the French artillery repulsed them before they got anywhere near the outpost. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Last night's official war communiqué stated that there was fairly brisk activity of artillery on both sides between the Moselle and the Blies.

Enemy patrols were repulsed west of the Vosges. An exchange of rifle fire occurred along the banks of the Rhine. — Reuter.

JAPANESE ECONOMIC TOTAL WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

THE MATERIALS MOBILISATION PLAN FOR 1940/41 IS NOT YET READY.

The plan was designed to regulate the whole country's life and was

SITUATION TRANSFORMED

Berne, To-day.

The "Gazette de Lausanne" declares that Hitler's Norwegian adventure has suddenly transformed the Germans' favourable situation.

Without appreciable loss the British Fleet has decimated its adversary.

By occupying Denmark and Norway, the Reich closed neutral territorial waters of which she was the sole beneficiary.

Gravest consequence is the liberation of the British and French fleets to intervene wherever necessary.

By his own action Hitler has turned a really advantageous strategic situation to his own detriment. — Reuter.

GOEBBELS UPSET

Berlin, To-day.

The free Swedish press has again aroused the spleen of Goebbels owing to its comments on Nazi war methods.

The "Svenska Dagbladet" is said to have recently stated that Nazi airmen machine-gunned women and children as they fled across the fields near Trondheim.

The Nazi controlled press and radio are now threatening Sweden with "punishment" unless she stops this "atrocious propaganda." — Reuter.

MACAO RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Macao, To-day.

Restrictions enforced on the border by the Japanese military were lifted to-day and the public were allowed to come and go freely.

It is, however, learned that curfew is still enforced in Shek-ki.—Our Own Correspondent.

scheduled to be enforced by now. According to the "Japan Times," negotiations by the Planning Board with the interested Ministries have not yet settled several important matters.

The paper adds that the framework of the plan adopted is on a smaller scale than first estimated, and will utilise only 80 per cent. of the credits approved by the Diet for its application.—Havas.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

SIR JOHN SIMON AND KEYNES PLAN

London, To-day.

IN A DIGRESSION DURING his Budget speech, Sir John Simon referred to Mr. Keynes' plan for deferred payments, which he said he had examined with the utmost care, but in which he had found many objections, among them the danger of discouraging voluntary saving.

The further to encourage voluntary saving, he announced the Government was prepared to introduce legislation, the general effect of which would be to withdraw from future calculation of the means of applicants for unemployment assistance new amounts lent to the nation during the war up to a total of £357.

This brought the Chancellor to a general exposition of the Government's financial and economic policy as a whole.

He said: "What we have to do is to foster and improve the conditions by which the flow of voluntary contributions to the Government may be stimulated and inflation avoided. Whatever may help to restrict the misuse of spending power is of vital importance.

The effort of the Government in the economic sphere has been directed to secure these objects. There are a series of steps taken of converging to this end.

PRICE LEVELS

We aim at maintaining the level of economy in prices and in the flow of commodities required for consumption.

First we have a strict control of imports. By the imports licensing system we reduce imports which are not essential. It is estimated that by the operation of this part of the imports system we have reduced less essential imports, which in 1938 were valued at £125,000,000, to the figure in the first year of war of £50,000,000.

The system of control of non-essential imports has been extended to many raw materials for the purpose primarily of enabling control by the Ministry of Supply to secure their employment to the greatest advantage. This system of controlling and directing imports now applies to seventy-five per cent. in value of the whole of our imports."

PRIORITY ALLOCATIONS

The Chancellor explained the system of priority allocations of imports so that the first essentials were given to the war effort. Second priorities met the claims of the export trade. The residue was available at appropriate prices for general consumption. — British Wireless.

JOYRIDERS' "JOKE"

Police are investigating an incident last night in which two soldiers are suspected of having been concerned.

A car belonging to Mr. E. Strange was taken from the Stubbs Road car park by joy-riders. It was subsequently found near the Queen Mary Hospital having been driven or pushed over an embankment.

Absence of any sign that the joy-riders suffered injury suggests that the car was deliberately wrecked.

FIGHTER PATROLS IN ACTION

London, To-day.

Headquarters of the British Air Force in France announced yesterday that British and German fighter patrols fought an indecisive action in the neighbourhood of Verdun.

One Messerschmidt 110 is believed to have been shot down. One British aircraft was set on fire by enemy action, the pilot escaping by parachute. — Reuter.

PROFITS ON WAR WORK

"By a system of costing and contract procedure the Government is endeavouring to secure that the rate of profit on Government work is reasonable but the taking of excess profits is part and parcel of the economic policy."—Sir John Simon, in his Budget speech.

MACKENZIE KING SEES ROOSEVELT

WARM SPRINGS (GA), TO-DAY.

MR. MACKENZIE KING, THE CANADIAN PREMIER, ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY AND DROVE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S COTTAGE, WHERE THE PRESIDENT GREETED HIM WITH A WARM HANDSHAKE.

President Roosevelt later informed the press the visit had no political significance.

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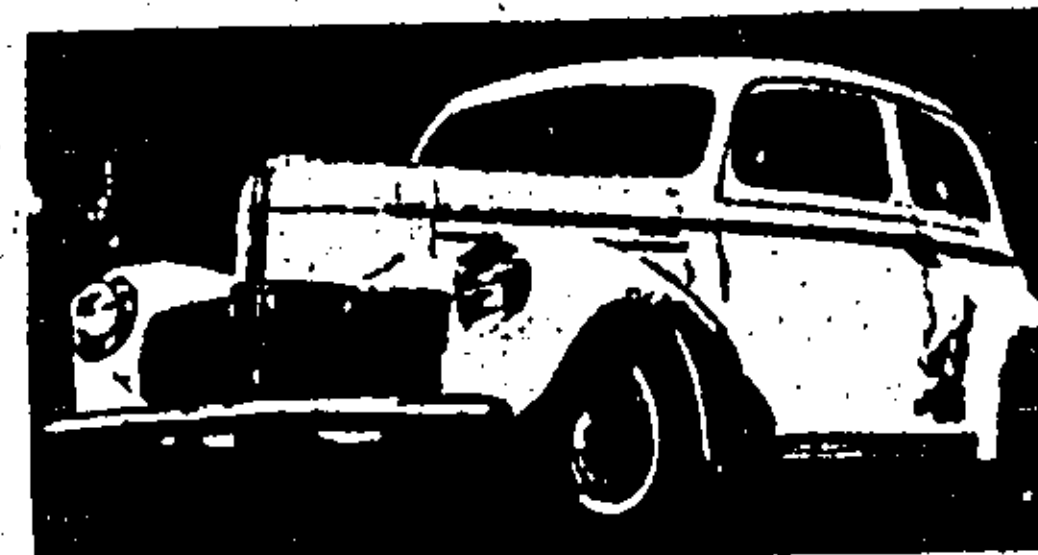
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PETITION ON EDUCATION OF COLONY'S POOREST

SOME 7,500 CHINESE STUDENTS, obtaining free education in the Colony, are threatened to be deprived of continuing their studies, according to a petition drafted by a Special Committee of Nine, representing different charitable organisations controlling at least 111 free schools, and presented to the Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Sollis.

Thirty-three signatures of the managers of the schools, including that of the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Dr. F. I. Tseung and Mr. Chan Lan-fong, Chairman of the Confucian Society, are appended to the petition, which requests the Director of Education to use his discretion, which he is empowered to do, in respect of the free schools in the Colony, and to waive certain of the regulations.

It may be recalled that on September 1, last year, Government announced, in the Gazette, new regulations effecting accommodation, health requirements, discipline and general conditions in all schools in the Colony, to come into effect from the beginning of this year. To comply with the new regulations, many schools have to completely alter their premises while others will have to remove and find regulated premises.

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

The petition, presented to the Director of Education, points out that the free schools, established for the education of poor children, are mostly conducted on premises owned by individuals and associations, and are operated in the neighbourhood of poor quarters where it is very difficult to procure premises that would answer the requirements of the new regulations.

Available funds of individuals and associations are not sufficient for removing the schools to better premises, therefore, these schools will have to close down throwing some 7,500 school-children into the streets where they will wander about and turn into undesirable characters and give endless trouble to society and government.

LESSER OF TWO EVILS

The petition continues: "The object of the requirements of the new regulations is no doubt to improve the sanitation of the school premises so as to enable the school children to study in healthy and hygienic surroundings and to prevent infection as

efficiently as possible during the epidemic seasons. Now if a large portion of these students is driven away from the schools they will have either to remain in the foul atmosphere found in their humble homes or to stroll in the streets thus exposing themselves to various causes of infection.

"The homes of most of the students attending free schools are very crowded and full of filthy air, and the free schools under the existing condition are much better and healthier places than their homes. They are therefore better off in having an opportunity of going to school for six hours daily. The new Regulations may improve the health of some of the students to a certain extent, but it may have the result of creating too large a number of unhealthy and uneducated children to the detriment of the Colony.

"Having regard to the special condition in which this Colony now exists, we shall be much grateful if you can see your way to accede to our request made in the best interests of the Colony's educational service, and as the new regulations affect the free schools to such an extent, we feel it necessary to appeal to you to introduce some amendment of such regulations or defer the enforcement of the same until such time as the condition of the Colony will warrant such enforcement.

FAR EASTERN BONDS STRENGTHEN

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was strong though quiet yesterday. Despite the imminence of the Budget, prices sections advanced with gold mines most prominent on local and South African buying. Far Eastern bonds tended to improve on the slightly better international atmosphere.

Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

LARGE FIRES STARTED

London, To-day.

Aalborg and two German air bases in the Oslo region were bombed by the R.A.F. on Monday, the Air Ministry announces, large fires being started at one of the latter fields by incendiary bombs.

Monday's raid on Aalborg, Denmark, was the third in successive days. One British plane did not return.

During the two preceding raids on northern Germany over Swedish territory.

Aalborg, many fires were started and much damage done, and fresh evidence of this was given yesterday by the Swedish newspaper "Allehanda," which says that German planes are now flying direct to Trondheim from

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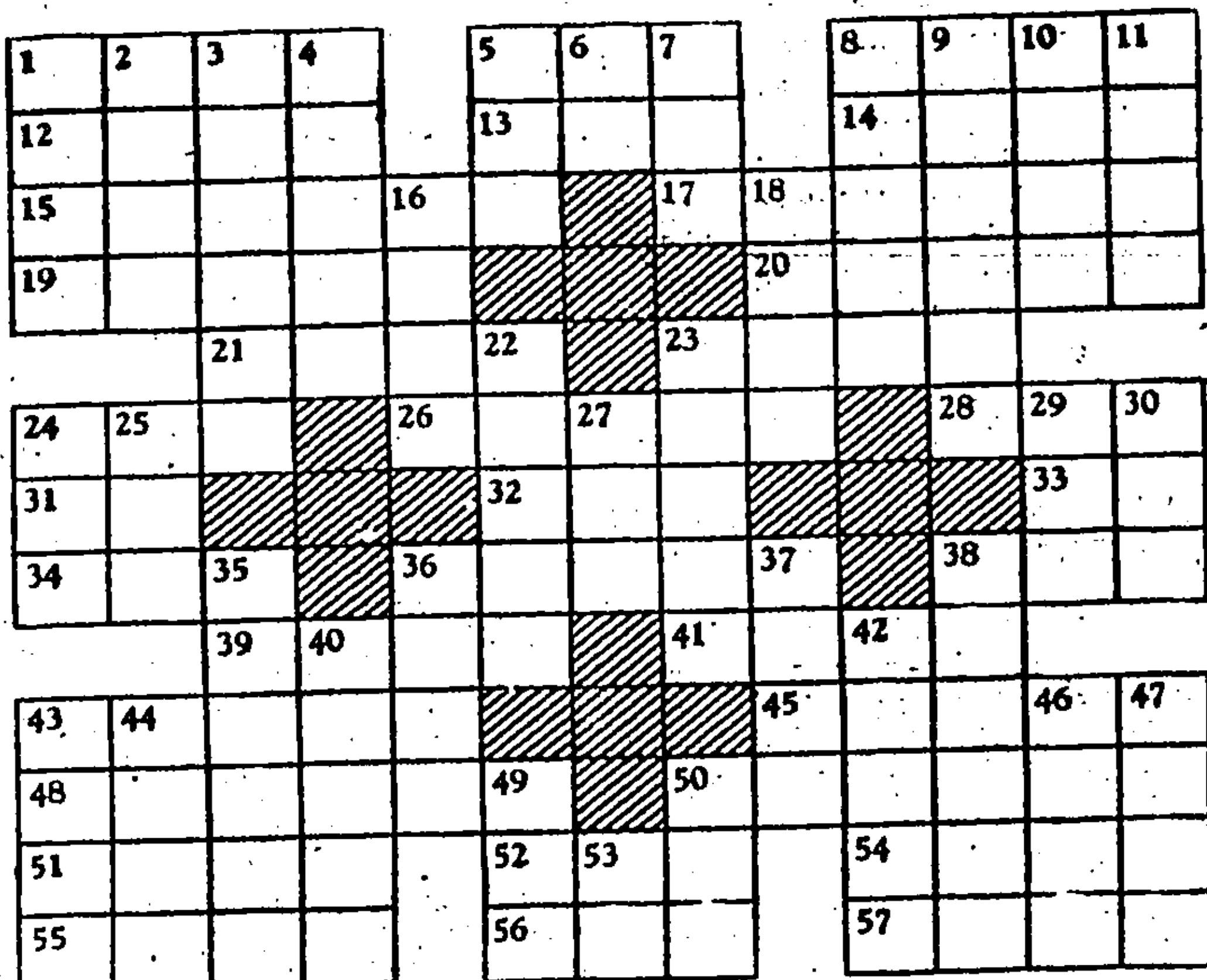
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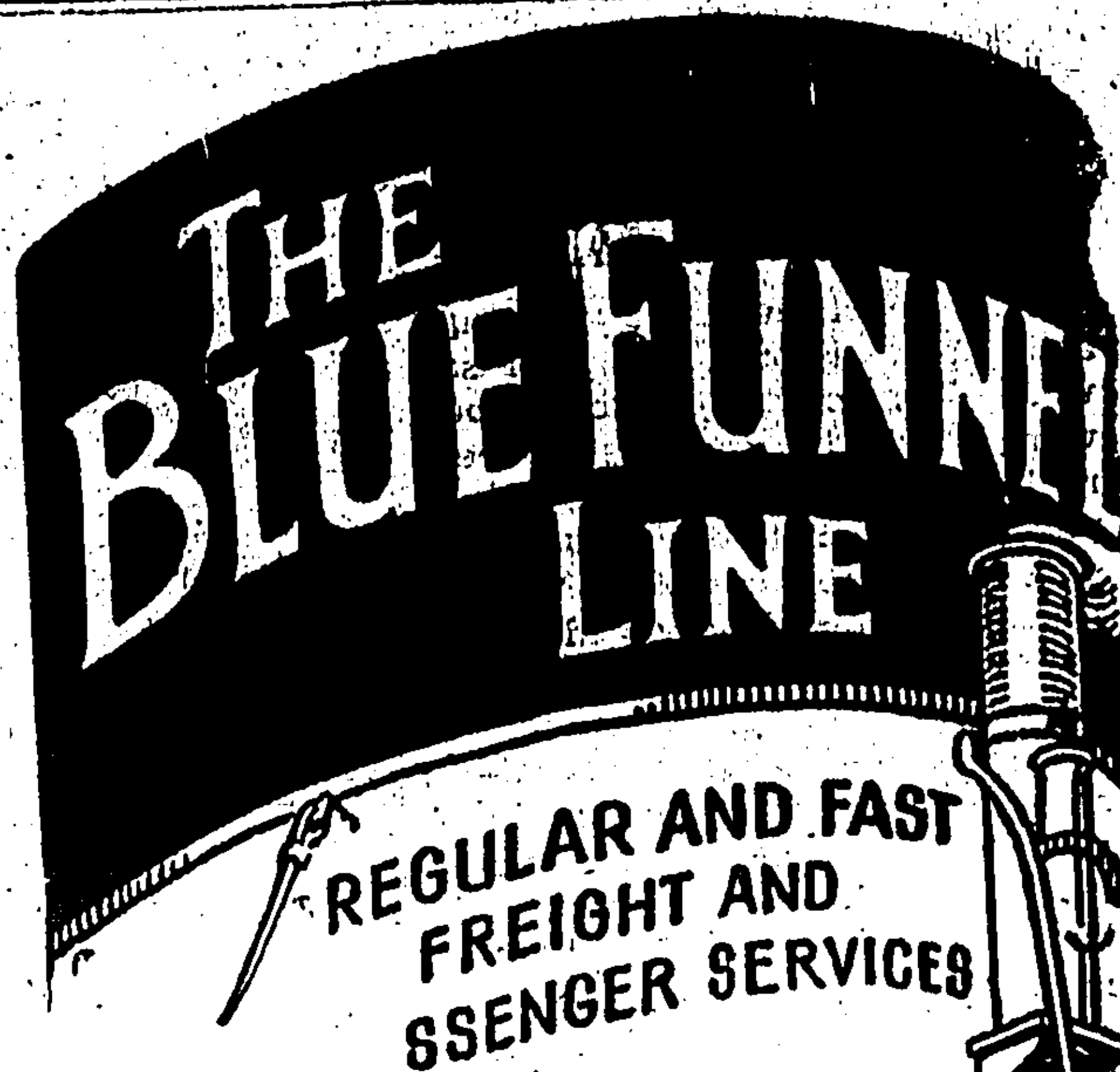
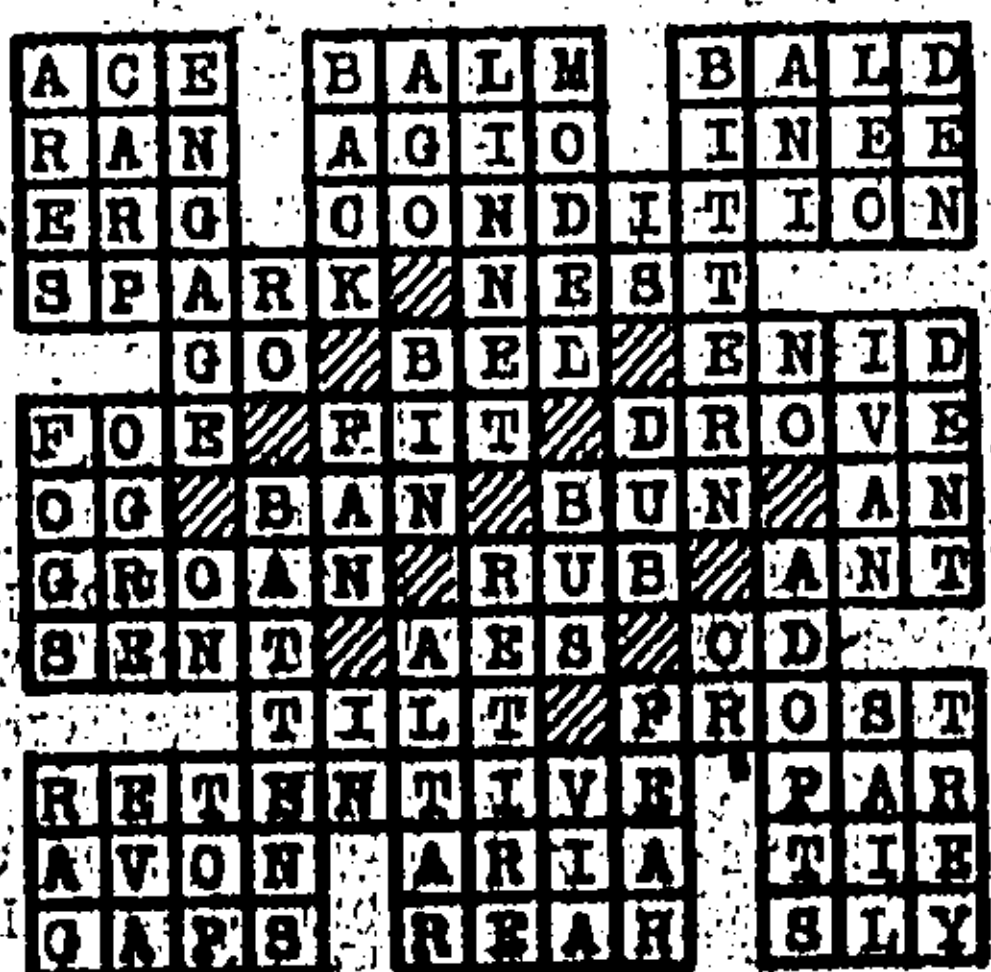
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1 Law: delay
5 Ribbon
8 Arabian garments
12 To affirm
13 English river
14 In great degree
15 Foot covering
17 Sprightly
19 Single-masted sailboat
20 Put up stake
21 Mandatory precept
23 Joint
24 Sea-eagle
26 Glistened
28 To put on
31 Note of scale
32 Poem
33 Pronoun
34 Worm
36 Cattle enclosure
38 To stitch
39 Son of Adam
41 To deceive
43 Killed
45 Hants

48 Small tower
50 City in Switzerland
51 Formerly
52 Past
54 To jog
55 To remove
56 To caress
57 Dagger

VERTICAL
1 Lump
2 Elliptical
3 Fame
4 Warmth
5 Babylonian deity
6 Beast of burden
7 Net
8 Ammonia compound

9 Rammed
10 To pain
11 To cast off
16 Sacred Egyptian bull
18 Narrow path
22 To pierce
23 To mix
24 Before
25 Things (in law)
27 Room in harem
29 To be obliged to
30 Recent
35 Infrequent
36 Cattle
37 To entice
38 British river
40 Ventilated
42 Breeches
43 To pack
44 Geometrical figure
46 Cry of Bacchanals
47 To cloy
49 To hit lightly
50 Acquired
53 Earth goddess

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FOOL RATHER THAN A KNAVE

HEUNG KAM, KWOK PAK YUEN, Tam Lin-wai and Pun Kan were this morning charged at the Supreme Court with unlawful possession of revolvers and ammunition.

The first three were found guilty, and last Pun Kau, represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, pleaded guilty.

Mr. E. H. Williams, assisted by Sergeant Fraser, conducted the prosecution and the jury was composed of Messrs. H. F. Williams (foreman), R. Tong, Fung Wai-sun, G. V. Fernandes, G. Nisbet, Man Hon-kwong and W. S. T. Louey.

The jury recommended clemency in respect of second accused.

The first and third accused, now serving a term for conspiracy, were sentenced to nine and 12 months' respectively. Third accused was, at first, sentenced to three months' hard labour but after His Lordship had heard Mr. Macnamara regarding the fourth, on the application of Mr. Williams, third accused was given the option of a \$100 fine or three months, the same sentence as was imposed on fourth accused.

Mr. Williams said that Heung Kam visited Mongkok Police station on March 17 and reported that he had been held up by two men with revolvers and daggers and had been robbed of \$24.

He was taken to the scene of the supposed crime at the end of Boundary Road near Kowloon Chai. Accused pointed to a heap of rubbish and said a revolver was found there. The Police were not satisfied and took defendant to his home and searched a suit case in which was found a dagger.

MORE REVOLVERS

Accused then gave the Police certain information and at a tea house in Kowloon four men were pointed out, among them second and third accused.

Second defendant then took the police to Wanchai where he had given two revolvers to a friend, the fourth defendant.

First accused gave further information to the police and took them back to his house where another revolver was found. Later he took them to the hill near the Mongkok railway crossing and from a crevice produced two daggers.

When charged, second defendant said the revolvers were left with him by third accused who promised to call for them. He had taken them to his friend in Wanchai.

During the evidence of the Chief Chinese detective His Lordship asked why first accused was not cautioned while in custody before he made any statement about the others. Witness said he thought that as accused had been brought from another station he had already been cautioned.

Sir Atholl said he would not admit statements from persons in custody who had not been cautioned.

First accused was found in possession of a revolver and dagger and the Police had made up their minds to charge him. It was their duty to caution him. He would not allow any of the statements.

When the verdict had been given, His Lordship, addressing second defendant, said that he was more a fool than a knave. It was clear what his duty when a friend left revolvers with him.

On behalf of fourth accused, Mr. Macnamara said he was a mason of good character and was involved by second defendant who knew him in the country. Kwok had brought him

LOCAL SHARES

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China Lights (Old) \$8.05 sa.
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200 Lane Crawfords @ \$8
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Big Wedge Ps. .17 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .08 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0025 b.
Demonstrations Ps. .08 sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .08½ b.
I.X.L. Ps. .31 b.
Ipo Gold Ps. .07 sa.
Itogons Ps. .20 b.
Masbates Ps. .08½ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .08½ b.
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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.
Silver was quoted at 20 15/16 spot and 20 7/8 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £-U.S.\$3.62-1/8.

NAZI PLANES OVER SHETLANDS

Berlin, To-day.

According to an official Nazi announcement, German aeroplanes on Monday took photographs of British naval bases in the Orkneys and the Shetlands and brought back information about the movements of British warships and transports.—Reuter.

the revolvers to shift responsibility. He had a clear record with the exception of a ball of \$5 estimated after he was found in an opium divan nine years ago.

Mr. Triggs, superintendent engineer of the Hong Kong Hotel, said accused had been known to him since 1927. He was employed by his firm as a mason and had always been an honest and a good worker. His character was excellent. He was willing to take him back to work. The man had often reported articles found lying in the rooms of the hotel.

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Mr. Lloyd replied that the company supply quantities of Iranian oil to Japan on a purely commercial basis.

Although the Government had a majority holding in the company they had announced that their policy was not to interfere with the commercial activity of the company.

"I regret therefore it is impossible to give the details asked."

Mr. M. Price (Labour) asked: "Is the Minister aware that transactions of this kind give a very bad impression in the United States, where the action of His Majesty's Government or this company are watched very closely?"

No reply was given.

Mr. Hugh Dalton (Labour) asked: "Can the Minister give an assurance that this oil is not getting to Germany directly or indirectly?"

Mr. Lloyd replied: "Not without notice." — *Reuter.*

TAIKOO ACCIDENT

Two Chinese were injured yesterday when they fell 20 feet on board a ship in the Taikoo Dock, on which they were working. The men were Wong Ping, who died early this morning from a fractured skull, and Tang Ling, 51.

Troublesome Teething

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MACAO ELECTRIC'S RECORD YEAR

LAST YEAR WAS A RECORD YEAR for the Macao Electric Lighting Company, Limited, kilowatt hours sold increasing by 40 per cent. and consumers by 18 per cent., said Mr. F. J. Gellion, chairman, at the annual meeting this morning.

At the extraordinary meeting which followed, a resolution was passed increasing the capital of the company to \$2,000,000.

Mr. Gellion was supported by Messrs. N. G. Beale and H. N. da Silva, directors, and Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, secretary.

The Chairman said: After providing the sum of \$131,737.09 for depreciation, the net profit for the year totals \$323,861.80 which, together with the sum of \$135,381.72 brought forward from the year 1938, makes the total amount available for appropriation \$459,243.52.

From this, it is proposed to pay a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the 90,000 shares, which will absorb \$135,000, and to pay a bonus of 50 cents per share, which will amount to \$45,000, that is to say, a total for dividend and bonus of \$180,000.

The Company's plant and equipment has continued to be satisfactory in every way and has been maintained in good state.

The business, so far this year, has increased somewhat compared with the corresponding period of last year, but we will not be able to operate this year under such favourable exchange and supply contracts as we did during 1939, and there is no doubt that our operating costs will be increased due to the European situation which has brought about an increase in cost on all supplies needed for the operation of the company.

As the company's business has expanded considerably during recent years, I believe that an increase in the directors' fees should be made and a proposal to this effect will be made later for your approval.

Turning to the financial side of the balance sheet, our overdraft has been considerably reduced and our cash position has also improved.

Resolutions were passed adopting the report and accounts; confirming the election of Mr. Fu-tak-iam to the board of directors and re-electing Mr. F. J. Gellion; increasing the directors' fees to \$1,500 a year; and re-electing Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors.

At the extraordinary meeting which followed, Mr. Gellion said:— I believe some explanation of the notice regarding the increase of capital is necessary. The original capital of the company, formed in 1910, was \$300,000 and, in 1927, this was increased to \$900,000, by the creation of two shares to every one issued. It is now proposed to increase the capital to \$2,000,000, by creating 110,000 shares at \$10 each.

When the original company was formed in 1910, the generating plant totalled 550 K. W. which has been increased from time to time, and since 1935 has totalled 5200 K. W. All of these plant extensions have been paid for out of revenue and without calling for any increase of capital and it is considered that the increased capital is more commensurate with the value of the company's undertaking. It is proposed in due course to offer some of the increased capital on favourable terms to shareholders but further information on this point will be given when the terms of issue have been decided.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

That the capital of the company be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 110,000 additional shares of \$10 each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the company.

GERMANS AGAIN SOW MINES

London, To-day. The German air force has now returned to its first love — the sowing of mines in North Sea shipping lanes and attacks on defenceless fishing boats.

On Monday night, there were raids off the east coast. One Nazi plane was caught in the direct beams of a

GERMAN INTERNEES DEPART

La Salle College has now been handed back to the control of the college authorities. All the Germans interned following the outbreak of the war in Europe, were on Sunday escorted on board a ship, bound for another part of the Empire.

The barbed-wire fences and military look-outs have been pulled down and the military units withdrawn.

Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, to-day confirmed the departure of the internees.

SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS

KEEN COMPETITION EXPECTED IN FINALS

THE HEATS OF THE Inter-School Athletic meeting at Caroline Hill yesterday provided some thrilling finishes and good sport.

La Salle, the holders of the Governor's Cup, are making a great bid to retain the championship but though 12 of their stalwarts qualified for the Finals, to be held on Friday, they are expected to receive very strong opposition from Wah Yan, King's College and St. Joseph's College.

The Finals should be interesting as there is not much difference among the athletes who have qualified.

Wah Yan and La Salle are favourites for the Relay race but St. Joseph's also have a strong team and the result of this race may well decide the championship. St. Joseph's have fared badly in the field events but are well represented in the shorter track events.

Sin Kwok-bun of King's College, seems to be the favourite for the 200 and 400 metres events and yesterday he covered the last event in 58.2 seconds.

Following qualified for the finals:—

100 Metres:—Lai Chung-yu (Wah Yan); Chow Hon-shu (King's); C. Large (D.B.S.); A. P. Silva (La Salle); R. Lobo (La Salle); Victor Mendonca (S.J.C.).

Long Jump:—Chan King-cheung (St. Stephen's); Wan Kei-hing (Wah Yan); Poon Sai-on (King's); Wong Ki-lim (King's).

800 Metres:—J. Rousseau (C.B.S.); A. Odell (C.B.S.); Khan Mohammed (Queen's); Sarwar Khan (Queen's); L. Silva (La Salle); A. Sandberg (La Salle); F. Fung (Wah Yan).

Pole Vault:—Marcus Ng (La Salle); A. Sandberg (La Salle); Kwok Chi-hung (St. Stephen's); Chan King-cheung (St. Stephen's); Fong Chi-hing (Wah Yan); Wan Kai-hing (Wah Yan).

200 Metres:—Victor Mendonca (S.J.C.); Chan Yee-fong (Wah Yan); C. Large (D.B.S.); Fong Hing-yuen (Queen's); Lai Cheung-yin (Wah Yan); A. P. Silva (La Salle); Sin Kwok-bun (King's).

Shot Put:—Lok Seng-kool (King's); Poon Sai-on (King's); Ting Eng-siong (D.B.S.); R. Silva (S.J.C.).

400 Metres:—P. Tavares (S.J.C.); Sarwar Khan (Queen's); J. Macauley (D.B.S.); Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan); Sin Kwok-bun (King's); A. Odell (C.B.S.); L. Xavier (La Salle).

High Jump:—A. Mackenzie (La Salle); Marcus Ng (La Salle); Fong Chi-hung (Wah Yan).

searchlight and when the anti-aircraft batteries opened fire it made off for sea chased by fighter planes.

No air raid warnings were sounded and no bombs were dropped on land.

Two Swedish ships were attacked by Nazi planes on Monday in their own territorial waters; they were machine-gunned, despite the fact that their national colours were well displayed, as was the case with the Dutch trawler Erin the day before. — *Reuter.*

POLICE HARD PRESSED FOR TALENT

(By "ADREM")

Police have had a difficult task in raising a team for the Junior Championship play-off on Saturday. Loughlin and Forrest have gone on leave and Stephens has not recovered sufficiently from his recent accident.

Although B. C. Fay is unable to play, it is interesting to note the inclusion of the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, on his day even now, a useful hard-hitting batsman. B. G. Baker is not playing, as I thought he might have done, but will act as reserve.

Following is the team:—C. Pope (Capt.), Hon. Mr. T. H. King, W. L. Clarke, A. E. Carey, T. R. Hunter, H. Danbrowsky, J. Lewis, A. Kirby, A. Estall, L. Oakley and J. Orem. Reserve:—B. G. Baker.

Oakley has just returned from leave.

I.R.C. TEAM

The Indians will be represented by: M. I. Razack (Capt.), M. R. Abbas, A. el Arculli Jr., H. T. Barma, A. H. Ismail, A. R. Marker, J. M. A. Rumjahn, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Sufflad, F. A. Curreem and T. Ali.

Yan); A. Weller (C.B.S.); Wolfgang Yue (St. Stephen's); Poon Sai-on (King's).
1,500 Metres:—C. Truax (C.B.S.); Khan Mohammed (Queen's); F. Soares (La Salle); F. Fung (Wah Yan); L. Silva (La Salle); Sarwar Khan (Queen's); Cheung Kat-pui (Wah Yan).

110 Metres High Hurdles:—Kwok Chi-hung (St. Stephen's); Eddy Choy (S.J.C.); Wan Kei-hing (Wah Yan); Wolfgang Yue (St. Stephen's); Wong Ki-lim (King's).

Relay Race:—St. Joseph's, Diocesan Boys' King's, Wah Yan, La Salle, Central British.

ARMY SPORTS RESULTS

The following were the results of Army sports, held yesterday at the Polo ground.

110 Stone Tug-Of-War (Semi-Finals):—8th. Heavy Regt., 12th. Heavy Regt.

440 Yards Relay. Heat 1:—1, 8th. Heavy Regt., 2, H.K.S.R.A.; Heat 2:—1, Middlesex; 2, 12th Heavy Regt.

Throwing The Discus (Final):—1, Middlesex, 203 ft. 1½ ins.; 2, Royal Scots, 181 ft. 4 ins.; 3, H.K.S.R.A., 177 ft. 10½ ins.

Putting The Weight (Final):—1, H.K.S.R.A., 71 ft.; 2, Middlesex, 68 ft. 7 ins.; 3, 8th. Heavy Regt., 67 ft. 11½ ins.

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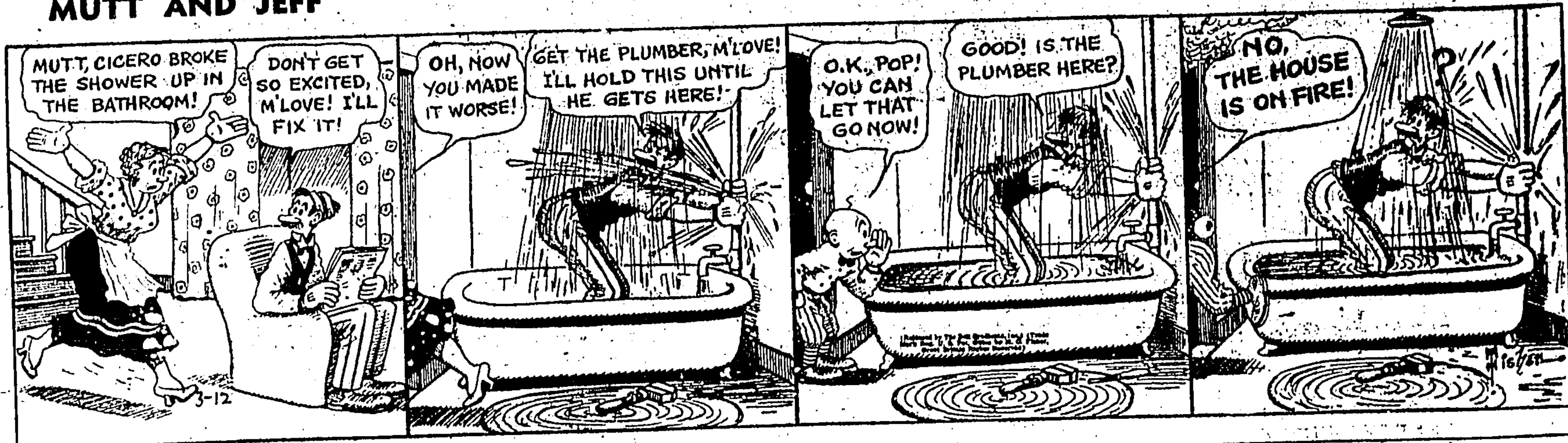
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In G Major

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Albert Sandler (Violin) and His Orchestra.
Black Eyes—Russian Impression (Ferraris); Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris); Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
Allegro (Flocco, arr. Bent and O'Neill); Albert Sandler (Violin) with Jack Byfield at the Piano.
Tell Me To-night (Theme Song "Tell me to-night"); Where the Woods are Green (Brodsky—arr. Weninger) Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
Spanish Serenade (Heykens); The Child

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and His Dancing Doll (Heykens)... Albert Sandler (Violin) with Sametini ('Cello) and Byfield (Piano).
Jealousy (Gade); Live, Laugh and Love (Theme Song "Congress Dances")... Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Variety with Sophie Tucker,

Stan Holloway, Charlie Kunz and Bing Crosby.

8.42 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.
"Casanova"—Selection (J. Strauss, arr. Benatzky).

"Twenty Million Sweethearts" Selection (Dubin & Warren).
"Evergreen"—Selection (Rodgers & Others).

9.00 p.m.—Some Welsh Songs.
Olwen Mine (Crwys); Song of the Flood (Hirallhog & Fychan)... William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp Accom.

Where are you going to? The Bittern from the Banna (Welsh Folk Song); Titlwm, Tatrwm; Sleep thou, my pretty child (Welsh Folk Song)... Mable Farry (Soprano) with Piano.
Land of My Fathers (James & James)....

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

Variety
&
Dance Music

9.30 p.m.—"The Voice of the Nazi"—3. Talk recorded by Professor W. A. Sinclair.

9.45 p.m.—Compositions of Scriabin. Etude, Op. 2, No. 1; Prelude, Op. 11, No. 2... Anatole Kitain (Piano).
Study in Thirds, Op. 8, No. 10... Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Nikita de Magaloff at the Piano.

9.51 p.m.—The Don Cossacks Choir. How Greatly Our Lord Is Glorified (Bortnjansky); Dance Song; Song of the Cossacks; Barynja; On the River (arr. Dobrowen)... cond. by Serge Jaroff. Unaccompanied.

10.04 p.m.—Compositions of Rimsky-Korsakov. Chanson Hindoue... Sidney Torch at the Organ.

The Prophet, Op. 40... Theodore Challa-pine (Bass) with Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
Scheherazade, Op. 35... Leopold Stokowski & the Philadelphia Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

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NORTH WAS WRONG

When your partner doubles the opponents for business, you have two excuses for taking it out: (1) you expect that in spite of his double the contract will be made; (2) you believe you can score more points by playing the hand than by setting the opponents.

Strangely enough, South managed to go down at three hearts. The Queen of clubs was opened. Declarer won with the Ace and led the four of diamonds, whereupon the roof promptly fell in. West went up with the Ace and led a second club, which East trumped. East now cashed the King of diamonds and played a spade, which West trumped. A third diamond was now led and East trumped, setting the contract.

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ A
♥ K Q 8 2
♦ Q J 7 8
♣ K 9 8 6

♠ J 8 7
♥ A 10 8 6
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ 4 3

♠ K J 9 7
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ 10 4
♣ K 2

♠ Q 10 8 6
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ 9 5 4
♣ A 2

The bidding:

	South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	3♥	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Subsequent analysis showed that two spades would have gone down 500 points, and South was indignant with North for taking him out of his double. North said that according to his analysis, he thought they could make game themselves while two

spades would be down but one trick. South replied, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." I went down one trick at three hearts; they would have gone down 500 points at two spades," whereupon North retorted, "Well, you should have made your three-heart contract. Why didn't you?" At which point we leave the argument with nothing decided between the partners, but we ourselves having a strong predilection to take the side of South.

You were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ 9 x x x
♥ 10 9
♦ A Q J
♣ A K Q 10

The bidding:

Maier Burnstone You Schenken
1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
2♥ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three notrump. Even though you have no honour in spades, there is no great danger to fear from that suit. Furthermore, your three-notrump bid does not stop partner from going to four hearts.

Score 100% for three notrump, 80% for two notrump (a slight underbid).

QUESTION NO. 392

You are Howard Schenken's partner and again you hold:

♠ 9 x x x
♥ 10 9
♦ A Q J
♣ A K Q 10

The bidding:

Schenken Burnstone You Jacoby
1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

*See answer above to yesterday's question.

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EGYPT CONFIRMS ALLIANCE

London, To-day.

The debate on Monday in the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies on Foreign Affairs has been received with considerable interest in London, where a point that is noted specially is the firmness of the spirit of Egypt in the cause of the democracies.

As the Egyptian Premier pointed out, as soon as war was declared Egypt at once carried out her obligations under the treaty of friendship with the Allies, and in standing by them she was simply demonstrating the real spirit of all Egypt.

One Deputy said that in the present struggle Egypt should not be content merely to stand by; she should also bring her influence to bear on all Eastern and Moslem countries so that they, too, should support the Allies. The cause of the Allies was the cause of all Egypt.

Another Deputy said that even if

YANGTSE OPENING A MERE GESTURE

Chungking, To-day.

Japan's publicity regarding the opening of the Yangtze River is regarded in shipping circles as a mere gesture, says a message from north Kiangsu.

Japanese control of the river has so far shown no relaxation. Ships of third Powers plying between Shanghai and Mantungchow, and other harbours in north Kiangsu have been forced to suspend their runs owing to interference by Japanese naval vessels. — Central News.

M. COSME AT THE GLOUCESTER

M. Henri Cosme, French Ambassador to China, was the guest of honour at a party given in Gloucester Hotel last evening by prominent Chinese leaders in Hong Kong.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China; and head of the Bank of Canton, Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to America, were among those present.

Egypt had not been required to stand by the Allies through the treaty, she would still have done so. — Reuter.



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MATCH FOR "SAM WHITE" TROPHY

The lawn bowls match for the "Sam White" Trophy, which is to be played annually between Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Club de Recreio, will be played off on Saturday at 3.30 p.m. sharp, five rinks playing at Kowloon Bowling Green Club and five rinks at Club de Recreio.

Following games will be played at Kowloon Bowling Green Club:—

RINK NO. 1
E. P. C. Collin L. A. Gutierrez
A. Morton E. M. Remedios
G. E. F. Thompson E. de Sousa
R. Duncan H. A. Alves
(Skip) v (Skip)

RINK NO. 2
W. Houston F. Xavier
H. Spong C. M. Alves
J. C. Gill C. E. Marques
A. M. Holland A. A. Remedios
(Skip) v (Skip)

RINK NO. 3
M. Ferguson M. Alarcon
G. W. Deacon A. P. Pereira
H. E. Drew A. M. Rodrigues
J. G. Meyer R. F. Luz
(Skip) v (Skip)

RINK NO. 4
W. L. Walker A. F. Noronha
G. Elphick M. F. Pinna
E. V. Searle J. E. Noronha
J. C. Brown C. G. Silva
(Skip) v (Skip)

RINK NO. 5
R. P. Phillips C. Vas
E. Levett D. C. Alves
H. White C. Roza Pereira
S. Randle F. V. V. Ribeiro
(Skip) v (Skip)

Following games will be played at Club de Recreio.

RINK NO. 1
E. F. Pope J. C. Remedios
L. Jordan H. B. Pinna
F. A. Cheeseman A. P. Gutierrez
G. Sherriff B. Basto
(Skip) v (Skip)

RINK NO. 2
W. Harrower C. C. Pereira
W. S. Drake C. M. Silva
D. W. Waterton L. J. Silva
A. J. Hall F. X. Soares
(Skip) v (Skip)

RINK NO. 3
A. Bower J. A. Remedios
S. C. Walker C. H. Basto
L. Guy L. F. Xavier
J. Henson F. X. Silva
(Skip) v (Skip)

RINK NO. 4
H. Bicknell J. Luz
K. C. Hamilton P. M. Silva
H. Lockhart J. F. Ribeiro
J. McKelvie O. P. Remedios
(Skip) v (Skip)

RINK NO. 5
T. Armstrong F. A. Machado
G. Hammond P. A. Yvanovich
E. Atkins C. A. Lopes
A. Hyde-Lay J. J. Basto
(Skip) v (Skip)

I.R.C. BOWLS TEAM

The following will represent Indian Recreation Club against the Hong Kong Electric R.C. in a friendly bowls match at Ming Yuen on Saturday:

A. H. Rumjahn, A. G. Sufflad, A. O. Madar and M. Y. Adal (Skip).
A. K. Sufflad, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab and A. K. Minu (Skip).
S. O. Eux, R. Nazarin, S. M. Rumjahn and A. R. Minu (Skip).

ELECTRIC RINKS

The following have been selected to represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in a friendly bowls match against Indian Recreation Club, at Ming Yuen, on Saturday:

C. E. Gahagan, R. F. Gregory, H. S. McKay and A. F. Paul (skip); R. C. Butler, W. E. Orchard, J. F. Lunny and G. T. Potts (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, W. E. Baker, S. Deacon and G. G. S. Thomson (skip).

FINCHER STRIKES HIS BEST FORM

(BY "ADREM")

THE EXTREMELY HIGH standard of tennis seen in the second set of the match at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, in the semi-final of the Colony doubles tournament, between the Rumjahn cousins and E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung, drew more enthusiasm from a crowd now used to one-sided matches, than in probably any other fixture in the current tournament.

Fincher and Hung, down 1-4, rallied brilliantly to draw up to 4-all and lead at 5-4. During this period, sparkling rallies at the net, accurate lobbing and hard smashing made the exchanges thoroughly entertaining.

The general steadiness of the former title-holders, however, left no doubt at any time as to the ultimate outcome and they emerged worthy winners by 6-2, 8-6, 6-3.

The first four games yesterday gave promise of a great struggle to come but in many phases of the game the Fincher-Hung combination flattered only to deceive. They more than held own in volleying duels but the overwhelming superiority of the Rumjahns off the ground proved the deciding factor.

At no stage in the match—with the possible exception of their rally during the second set—were the losers ever able to command sufficient control over their ground strokes. Hung, in particular was very weak on the forehand and Fincher, although his chopped backhand worked well on the occasions that he used it, never appeared sure of himself on the forehand.

CONCENTRATION ON HUNG

The winners concentrated throughout the entire match on Hung and for long periods. Fincher might just as well have been sitting in the stand. It is not surprising therefore that Hung was not able to carry all this work without cracking, and so it transpired. On occasions he managed to keep the rallies going but no-one could have stood up to such a concentrated attack indefinitely.

Fincher played better than he has done this season and some of his recoveries were amazing to say the least. His volleying was always crisp and deep and his fine powers of anticipation were much in evidence. All four men lobbed well but none of the services were impressive.

The Rumjahns played their usual brand of tennis, recovering everything and rarely falling down on the volley. Off the ground they were reliable, H.D.'s backhand being firm and sure, and Sirdar scoring repeatedly with a searing cross-court forehand drive which gave the opposition no chance of making a return, even when they got to the ball.

Sirdar was also in the fine touch overhead and he scored numerous winners in this department.

All in all the Rumjahns staved off their biggest challenge thus far with credit and if they do not beat the Tsuis in the final, it is certain that their fine record as a fighting combination will not be blemished by their display.

INDOOR BOWLING

In the first round of the second Ten-Pins Tournament at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys, F. P. Hollis (26) beat L/Sgt. G. Somerville (26) by 593 pins to 364. Hollis scored 157, 168 and 208 to his opponent's 150, 118 and 121.

The Champs engaged the U.S.S. Asheville in a friendly five-game encounter on Monday evening and won by 296 pins.

TSUIS MEET TO-DAY

(By "ADREM")

A thrilling struggle is expected on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club to-day between Tsui Wai-pui, holder of the singles title, and his younger brother Tsui Yan-pui.

The latter has shown such improvement recently that there are many who concede him an excellent chance of winning, especially as his brother has been inconsistent.

Having regard to Wai-pui's powers of rising to the occasion, however, I think he will win but he is not likely to have matters all his own way. I expect Yan-pui to take the lead—in deed he might win the first two sets.

Other matches at H.K.C.C. to-day are:—

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

V. R. Gordon and Mrs. L. P. Ralph, scr. or T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong, —15 v. R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley, —3.6 (4).

HANDICAP SINGLES FINALS

G. W. Sewell, —4.6 or M. Pagh, —30.3 v. A. H. Barwell, —1.6 or C. H. R. Hyde, —30 (8).

CHESS

BARNETT, ZIMMERN DRAW

Following matches in the Colony Chess Championships were played last week:

D. E. de Carvalho beat L. Blair; B. S. Litvin beat A. Birlukoff; K. Weiss beat Sir H. Pollock; D. E. de Carvalho beat V. V. Kalatchoff; K. M. A. Barnett drew with E. Zimmern.

The positions of the players follow:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
E. Zimmern	12	10	1	1	10½
K. M. A. Barnett	12	9	1	2	9½
K. Weiss	12	8	1	3	8½
B. S. Litvin	12	8	0	4	8
D. E. de Carvalho	12	7	1	4	7½
Sir H. Pollock	12	5	3	4	6½
A. Kurrik	11	3	2	6	4
A. Birlukoff	12	2	2	8	3
L. Blair	11	1	0	10	1
V. V. Kalatchoff	12	0	1	11	½

SOCCER GAME POSTPONED

Owing to Area Sports the First Division Football match between Royal Scots and Royal Navy arranged for this afternoon has been postponed.

BADMINTON

WONG'S CHANCE FOR THREE TITLES

(By "ADREM")

The Badminton season for 1939/40 will be wound up at Kowloon Cricket Club this evening with the finals of the Men's and Mixed Doubles championship events and the presentation of trophies.

An interesting fact is that Patrick Wong and K. L. Yong will be appearing in both matches this evening. Success for the former, in partnership with C. Au, his opponent in the singles final on Monday, appears to be assured, but a much sterner struggle can be expected in the Mixed match.

Yong's partner is Miss Ulian Khoo, who won the title last season in partnership with P. K. Hui. She is probably a better player than Miss Cheung and this factor should offset the undoubted superiority of Wong over Yong. Nevertheless I expect Wong and Miss Cheung to win as their opponents of this evening have struck a bad patch in recent matches and their combination has not been of the best. Wong has, therefore, an excellent chance of securing all three titles.

The programme will start at 8.30 with the mixed match. Finalists are:

MEN'S DOUBLES

R. H. Wong and C. Au v K. L. Yong and H. C. Chew.

MIXED DOUBLES

P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung v K. L. Yong and Miss Ulian Khoo.

CELEBRATION AT K.C.C.

A convivial evening was spent by cricketers members of the Kowloon Cricket Club last night, the occasion being a curry dinner given by Mr. Frank Goodwin, captain of the club, in honour of the First Eleven's success in winning Senior Division of the League.

In addition to the team Mr. Justice Lindsell, president, Mr. Ezra Abraham, vice-president, and members of the committee were present.



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FINAL LEAGUE CRICKET AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1939/40

By "ADREM"

AS IT IS NOT LIKELY that the outstanding matches in First and Second Divisions of the Cricket League will now be played, the averages appended will be the last published in these columns until next season.

In First Division, D. J. N. Anderson finishes at the head of the batsmen after holding the lead throughout almost the entire season. Sgt. Webb, however, with five runs more than Anderson, had the biggest aggregate and was very consistent throughout.

Thanks to some good figures in his last game and a few cheap wickets in other games, L. G. Gosano, of Recreo, finishes at the head of the bowlers. As he only secured six wickets, however, this eminence rather flatters him. Generally speaking wickets aggregates are not impressive, A. R. Minu, the I.R.C. and Interport left-hander, having the biggest "bag" with 25.



It is noteworthy that R. E. Lee and N. D. Lloyd, the Champions' opening bowling combination, have failed to qualify.

JUNIOR FIGURES LOW

Second Division batting averages are on the low side, Major Swyers, with only two completed innings in five, being at the head with 51.50. C. Pope, the Police captain, has the most impressive figures, his total runs only falling short of the third century by 27 runs.

CRICKET PLAY-OFF ON SATURDAY

The play-off for the Junior Cricket Championship, between Police and Indian Recreation Club, will take place on Club de Recreo ground on Saturday.

In the bowling list, M. A. Remedios, of Club de Recreo, heads the averages with 4.25 but the most successful bowler has been M. R. Abbas, of I.R.C., who has the largest bag in either division and, in addition, was the only bowler in the League to perform the "hat-trick."

As announced in the "China Mail" yesterday, detailed Club league records will be published in these columns or the "Sunday Herald" as space permits. Thus far the following clubs have been dealt with:—

Senior Division—Kowloon Cricket Club, Indian Recreation Club, Recreo and University.

FIRST DIVISION

BATTING

(Qualification—3 inns. av. of 15 and over)

	N.	O.	R.	S.	Avge.
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	5	2	225	75	75.00
M. P. Madar (I.R.C.)	4	3	62	23	62.00
Sgt. Webb (Army)	5	1	230	88	57.50
Major Petri (Army)	3	2	48	24	48.00
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	3	0	138	84	46.00
W. A. Reed (Rec.)	4	2	78	49	39.00
Major Grose (Army)	4	1	109	69	36.33
S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	3	2	36	24	36.00
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.)	5	0	157	71	31.40
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	5	2	91	51	30.33
W. H. Colledge (C.S.C.C.)	4	0	115	70	28.75
F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	5	0	141	47	28.20
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	8	1	140	57	28.00
H. P. Lim (C.C.C.)	5	1	100	76	25.00
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	6	0	144	72	24.00
A. R. H. Esmail (C.C.C.)	4	0	91	56	22.75
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	5	0	113	43	22.60
Y. el Arcull (I.R.C.)	6	1	100	25	20.00
N. A. Balrao (Rec.)	6	3	60	29	20.00
A. H. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	5	0	97	47	19.40
A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	6	0	116	33	19.33
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	5	0	95	37	19.00
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	6	0	107	47	17.83
M. el Arcull (I.R.C.)	4	1	51	19	17.00
Capt. Skipwith (Army)	5	0	81	44	16.20
N.B.B. Whitley (C.S.C.C.)	4	1	47	37	15.67
G. N. Gosano (Rec.)	5	0	77	27	15.40
A. J. Hulse (C.C.C.)	4	0	61	30	15.25
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	3	3	34	26	—

BOWLING

(Qualification—3 matches; 5 wickets; av. of 15 and under)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
L. G. Gosano (Rec.)	12.4	3	34	6	5.67
D.J.N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	22	6	74	12	6.17
P. J. Billimoria (C.C.C.)	24	7	91	13	7.00
G. Winch (C.C.C.)	34	7	111	13	8.46
A. P. Pereira (Rec.)	14.4	3	51	6	8.50
L/Cpl. Young (Army)	26.5	3	103	12	8.58
H. L. Ozorio (Rec.)	68.2	16	174	19	9.16
G. Hong Choy (Univ.)	15.3	1	102	9	11.33
Sgt. Denyer (Army)	36	4	172	15	11.47
E. L. Gosano (Rec.)	62	11	190	16	11.88
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	67.5	12	308	25	12.24
R. J. Fenton (C.S.C.C.)	31	1	151	11	13.73

SECOND DIVISION

BATTING

(Qualification—3 inns. av. of 15 and over)

	N.	O.	R.	S.	Avge.
Major Swyers (Army)	5	3	103	33	51.50
C. Pope (Police)	7	0	273	94	39.00
Brig. MacLeod (Army)	4	1	116	106	35.33
Lt. Fergus (Army)	3	1	68	56	34.00
A. E. Noronha (Rec.)	5	3	68	53	34.00
Q.M.S. Paterson (Army)	3	0	91	63	30.33
K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	7	1	172	54	28.67
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	5	0	121	44	24.20
H. A. Barros (Rec.)	7	1	169	55	28.17
G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)	7	0	159	86	22.71
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	8	1	158	49	22.29
W. L. Clarke (Police)	8	1	156	38	22.23
R. M. Soares (Univ.)	5	1	87	45	21.75
M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	7	1	130	30	21.66
Capt. Lawrence (Army)	6	0	124	41	20.67
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	6	1	101	46	20.20
T. Lock (C.C.C.)	8	2	120	50	20.00
T. Ali (I.R.C.)	5	2	59	18	19.67
H. M. Xavier (Rec.)	6	1	98	58	19.20
A. M. Prata (Rec.)	5	0	98	33	19.20
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	7	3	75	27	18.75
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	4	0	74	33	18.50
J. L. Stephens (Police)	8	1	128	44	18.28
H. Danbrowsky (Police)	8	2	107	34	17.83
J. A. Soares (Rec.)	4	2	35	17	17.50
C. Abbas (R.A.F.)	6	0	105	53	17.50
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	7	0	121	37	17.29
G. Stone (C.S.C.C.)	7	0	118	33	16.85
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	6	2	67	24	16.75
T. T. Chin (Univ.)	4	0	68	44	16.20
A. B. Hamson (C.C.C.)	7	0	112	44	16.00
J. Souby (R.A.F.)	4	1	48	23	16.00
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	7	0	111	27	15.86
A. H. Esmail (C.C.C.)	5	3	31	13	15.50
P. H. Loughlin (Police)	8	0	122	36	15.25
J. H. Nancarrow (R.A.F.)	8	0	121	43	15.13

BOWLING

(Qualification—3 matches; 5 wickets; av. of 15 and under)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
M. A. Remedios (Rec.)	18.3	5	51	12	4.25
J.M.A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	24	4	59	9	6.55
Y. T. Barma (I.R.C.)	29.7	4	97	13	7.46
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	82	13	234	30	7.80
H. Danbrowsky (Police)	25.5	1	156	20	7.80
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	52.5	7	192	24	8.00
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	42.6	4	179	20	8.95
Pte. Hatfield (Army)	24.4	8	63	7	9.00
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	29.4	7	73	8	9.13
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	17	1	105	11	9.55
J. Lewis (Police)	56.5	10	164	19	9.68
Lt. Peal (Army)	17	2	97	10	9.70
A. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	59	11	209	21	9.95
E. Gillespie (R.A.F.)	59.2	13	226	22	10.27
J. E. Noronha (Rec.)	84.3	3	124	12	10.33
B. R. Irane (C.C.C.)	27	3	117	11	10.64
G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)	27.6	1	160	14	10.71
A. el Arcull (I.R.C.)	48.6	6	188	18	11.81
F. Forrest (Police)	15.6	2	80	7	11.43
G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)	27.6	2	118	10	11.80
C. Pope (Police)	61	4	237	19	12.47
Lt. Fergus (Army)	18	0	75	6	15.00
A. B. Hamson (C.C.C.)	18	4	80	6	15.53
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	55.5	6	250	17	18.03
C. E. Abbas (R.A.F.)	19	0	72	5	14.40
J. H. Nancarrow (R.A.F.)	48.8	4	234	16	14.62

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. DA LUZ,

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Hong Kong, 11th April, 1940.

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Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	2124
Kowloon Peak	1021

FUEHRER OF DENMARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
Press reports state that Hitler has granted extraordinary powers and the title "Fuehrer of Denmark" to Dr. Cecil von Renthfink, German Minister in Copenhagen.

Dr. Renthfink will be in charge of the Danish civil administration.—Havas.

NAZI RESISTANCE GIVEN FEW DAYS

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harassed by bombing and machine-gunning from German planes.—Havas.

Allies Divide Norway

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

On the Swedish-Norwegian Border, To-day.

It is learned in well-informed quarters that the Allies have succeeded in cutting Norway into two parts, thus preventing the arrival of German supplies from the north.

The Germans in the Hamar region can get supplies only via Oslo Fjord but such transport is highly difficult owing to the strict control exercised by the British Fleet.

Finally the bombing of the two new Nazi airfields outside Oslo has prevented the Germans using these bases.—Havas.

Allies Control Railway

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Stockholm, To-day.
The "Nya Dagligt Allehanda" reports

VISCOUNT KANO'S PROPHECY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day

Confidence in the ultimate victory of the Allies was expressed by Viscount Hisakira Kano, manager of the London branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank, yesterday

"I think the turn in favour of the Allies came around Easter. This movement has already begun and is still going on."

Viscount Kano added that pro-Allied feeling was growing immensely, especially since the Allies had sent help to Norway.

"As for Hitler's adventure in Norway, I can see little to commend it. The consequences of its failure would be extremely serious for him." —Havas.

that British and French troops are engaged in a fierce battle around Steinkjer and Trondheim, despite violent snowstorms which have been raging for several days, partly blocking roads and preventing operations in the mountains.

The same paper asserts that an Anglo-Norwegian force captured Lillehammer on Monday, despite German assertions to the contrary. The Allies now control the Dombaas railway over which reinforcements are being sent to Lillehammer. —Havas.

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Unflinching readiness to accept the proposed new burdens cheerfully since they are necessary to ensure victory, is the general reaction of the press to the Budget.

Though opinion is somewhat divided on the purchase tax and indirect taxes, it is fully realised that increased taxation was inevitable and that no sacrifices can be too heavy to win the war.

The Budget is variously described as "bold and realistic," "a fierce instrument of war," "hard but just" and "preeminently honest."

The "Manchester Guardian" goes so far as to say the Budget is not drastic enough.

"The Times" writes that the Budget possesses the great merit of stating without concealment or softening the truth of our financial position.

The very grimness of the figures is the best proof how strong that position is and how unflinchingly the difficulties will be faced.

The British people are resolute enough to face full revelation of the sacrifices which the war will entail. The sooner the Allies can put forth their full strength, the sooner victory will be achieved and the scale of national expenditure diminished.

The "Daily Telegraph" declares: "The Chancellor knew he could rely upon the unanimous support of the country for a bold and realistic approach to the problem of meeting the stupendous cost of modern war and has taken full advantage of that assurance."

His tax increases were few and simple. However the Chancellor stepped into new fields with his "purchase tax" and how it will work out in detail remains to be seen; care will have to be taken to avoid injustices and anomalies but it can undoubtedly be made to yield enormous revenue.

Altogether the Budget is certain to make a strong appeal to the public as an imaginative effort to grapple with the tremendous problem.

The "Daily Herald" says the principal sufferers will be the people with small incomes. Indirect taxes always fall heaviest on those with the smallest resources because the taxes are levied on articles of common consumption.

The "News Chronicle" says: The Budget is on a heroic scale. It will unquestionably impress the world with the magnitude of the financial burden we are shouldering. The fresh taxes now imposed are no surprise though they are heavy.

Sir John Simon realises clearly that totalitarian war calls for ruthless finance.

The "Daily Mail," while criticising the purchase tax as being "bad for the trading community," approves the various increases in indirect taxation and says: "They will be accepted as part of the further necessary sacrifices for the war effort."

The "Daily Express" declares the pu-

blic will praise Sir John Simon for his realism and pay up with a good heart. Indirect taxation will send prices up but it will restrict the consumption of particular commodities which have to be imported.

The new duty on tobacco will save us dollars in America, and the increased price of matches will economise on timber supplies, but the purchase tax is a puzzle which Sir John Simon does not explain.—Reuter.

Official figures issued by the I. and E. Department this afternoon disclose that the wholesale price index for foodstuffs has risen from 128.6 in the first quarter of 1939 to 158.2 for the first quarter of 1940 (1922=100). Other commodities show similar sharp increases.

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